

## **Worship Plan for Sunday, March 15, 2020**

Third Sunday in Lent

ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who is present, who gives life,  
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P:** Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned away from you,  
knowingly and unknowingly.**

**We have wandered from your resurrection life.**

**We have strayed from your love for all people.**

**Turn us back to you, O God.**

**Give us new hearts and right spirits,  
that we may find what is pleasing to you  
and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

**P:** Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ,  
who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG** *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* ELW 800

# Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;  
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!  
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860  
 Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897

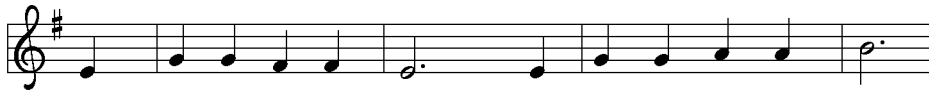
## \*GREETING

**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

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1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**A:** Let us pray. Son of God, you spoke words to Jerusalem's leaders that were hard to hear. Give us ears to receive your word of life so that we can follow you faithfully. Amen.

## RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 86:8-13

**A:** <sup>8</sup> Among the gods there is none like | you, O Lord,  
nor anything | like your works.

**C:** <sup>9</sup> **All the nations you have made will come and worship | you, O Lord,**

**and glori- | fy your name.**

**A:** <sup>10</sup> For you are great; you do | wondrous things;  
and you a- | lone are God.

**C:** <sup>11</sup> **Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk | in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.**

**A:** <sup>12</sup> I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,  
and glorify your name for- | evermore.

**C:** <sup>13</sup> **For great is your | love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the | pit of death.**

## BRIDGING GOD'S STORY

**READING: Mark 12:1-12 [13-17]**

**L:** A reading from Mark.

<sup>1</sup>Then he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a pit for the wine press, and built a watchtower; then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

<sup>2</sup>When the season came, he sent a slave to the tenants to collect from them his share of the produce of the vineyard. <sup>3</sup>But they seized him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup>And again he sent another slave to them; this one they beat over the head and insulted. <sup>5</sup>Then he sent another, and that one they killed. And so it was with many others; some they beat, and others they killed. <sup>6</sup>He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>7</sup>But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' <sup>8</sup>So they seized him, killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. <sup>9</sup>What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. <sup>10</sup>Have you not read this scripture:

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the keystone;

<sup>11</sup>this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes?'"

<sup>12</sup>When they realized that he had told this parable against them, they wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowd. So they left him and went away.

<sup>13</sup>Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. <sup>14</sup>And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? <sup>15</sup>Should we pay them, or should we not?" But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it." <sup>16</sup>And they brought one. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to them, "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were utterly amazed at him.

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# TIME FOR CHILDREN

## SERMON

### \*HYMN OF THE DAY *The Church's One Foundation*

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1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

## **\*CREED**

**A:** With the whole church, let us pray.

**C: 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**

**A:** Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A:** God of living water, send your church beyond boundaries to proclaim your grace. May its witness be a source of refreshment for thirsty souls. Strengthen our voices, that all people can know and believe that Jesus is truly the savior of the world. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** God of living water, protect from pollution or misuse all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams (*local water sources may be named*). Bless the work of those who dig wells and those who advocate for access to clean water, that all people and animals have enough to drink. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** God of living water, open the hearts of leaders and authorities, that they hear the cries of the suffering and act with compassion toward them. Bring peace to disputed lands and bring reconciliation to people divided by race, culture, or nationality. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** God of living water, mend the hearts of those who grieve broken relationships, whether by conflict, abuse, divorce, or death. Draw near to all who are ill (*especially*). Assure those questioning your presence in the midst of doubt or suffering. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** God of living water, renew us in the promises of baptism. Join us together in worship, fellowship, and sharing your good news. Embolden us to serve others and to work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**A:** Holy God, bless those among us who have birthdays this week, especially Arlen Lund, Chris Biermeier, Stuart Wipperfurth, Carter Lund, Auust Lund, Joan Volenberg, John Pritchard, Timothy Juno, Jim Teske, Nancy Knapwurst & Scott Taylor. Bless those who celebrate anniversaries this week. Thank you for their lives in our congregation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** God of living water, we thank you for those who endured suffering and who now boast in the glory of God (*especially*). Pour your Holy Spirit into our hearts and give us peace as we live in the hope of our salvation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**A:** According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**OFFERING WITH MISSION MINUTE**

**\*OFFERING HYMN *Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am* (3X) ELW 814**

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**A:** Let us pray. Holy and generous host,  
you set a table where we feast as friends.  
Prepare us to witness to your goodness  
with every gift you have given us to share,  
that all people may know your peace  
through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.



## **HOLY COMMUNION AT STATIONS**

*Welcome to the Lord's Table! All are welcome to participate in this gift of life. Are you wondering what to expect? We are serving communion differently in stations to avoid spreading germs.*

- *To read about what Lutherans believe about communion, please read "The Sacrament of the Altar" from the Small Catechism, which you will find in the back of the hymnal Evangelical Lutheran Worship on p. 1166.*
- *When you are ushered forward, bread is placed in your hands, and you may eat it. Wine and grape juice are served in trays and cups. Wine is purple; grape juice is yellow. Take a small cup and drink. Dispose of your cup in the basket provided.*
- *Please let the server know if you need a gluten free option.*
- *You may receive a blessing without communion; please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.*
- *If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, please let the ushers know. We will come to you.*
- *When the children are finished with communion, or blessing, they leave to Sunday School Music Room.*

### **\*DIALOGUE**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### **\*PREFACE**

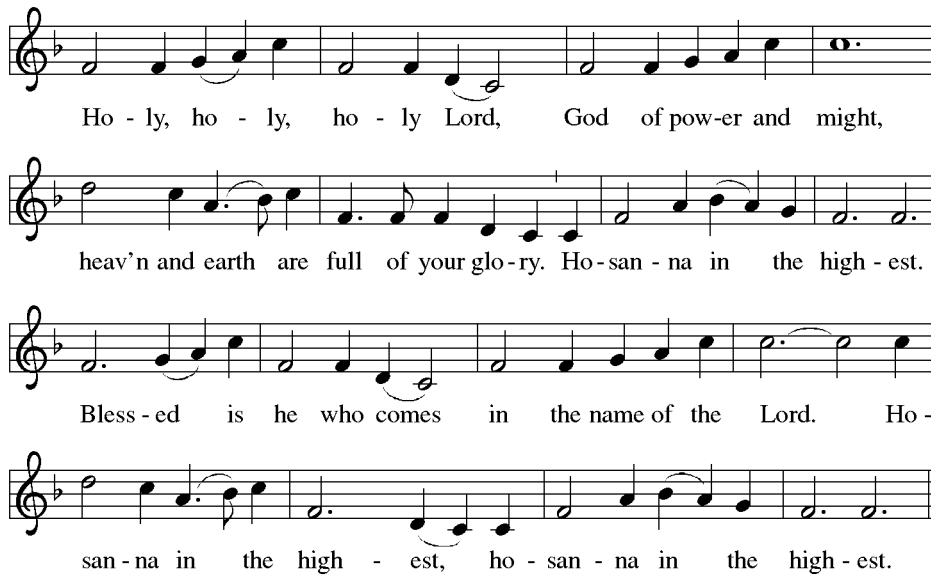
**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

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:

## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n 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.

## \*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P:** Holy God,

our living Water and our merciful Guide,  
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs  
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,  
and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,  
who joined us in our desert,  
pouring out his life for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,

his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food

and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:  
wash away our sin,  
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

*The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.*

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

God's love is poured out in Christ for you.  
Open yourselves to receive it.

**COMMUNION SONG** *My Worth Is Not In What I Own* by Bethany Barnard

# COMMUNION HYMN *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

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1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our  
life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -  
parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.  
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.  
Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

## \*COMMUNION BLESSING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A:** Let us pray. We thank you, living God,  
for the body and blood of your Son,  
which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike.  
As Christ has loved us in this feast,  
so send us to love Christ in our neighbors.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**C:** Amen.

**\*BLESSING**

**P:** Now is the acceptable time.

Now is the day of salvation.

Holy God,

speaking, spoken, and inspiring,

✝ bless you, unbind you,

and send you in love and in peace.

**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG *Take My Life, That I May Be* ELW 583**

*Refrain/Estribillo*

To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -  
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,

da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón  
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

y tu tro - no, en él ten - drás, ten - drás,  
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.

1 Que mi vi - da, en - te - ra, es - té  
1 Take my hands and let them move  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,  
3 Take my voice and let me sing  
4 Take my will and make it thine;

con - sa - gra - da, a ti, Se - ñor;  
at the im - pulse of thy love;  
not a mite would I with - hold;  
al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
it shall be no lon - ger mine;

que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -  
take my feet and let them be swift and  
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry  
take my lips and let them be filled with  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

*Refrain/Estribillo*  
pul - so de tu a - mor.  
beau - ti - ful for thee.  
pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
mes - sag - es from thee.  
be thy roy - al throne.

- 2 *Que mis pies tan sólo, en pos de lo santo puedan ir, y que a ti, Señor, mi voz, se complazca en bendecir.* Estribillo
- 3 *Que mis labios al hablar hablen sólo de tu amor; que mis bienes dedicar yo los quiera a ti, Señor.* Estribillo

- 4 *Que mi tiempo todo, esté consagrado a tu loor; que mi mente y su poder sean usados en tu honor.* Estribillo

**\*DISMISSAL**

**A:** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## *~Worship Leaders~*

**Presider** ~ Rev. Pastor Brenda Lovick  
**Assisting Minister** ~ Holly Loomis **Lector** ~ Carroll Ehrke  
**Musician** ~ Andrew Severson **Acolytes** ~ Brayden Lund & Shanna Schlieckau  
**Greeter** ~ Steve & Debbie Wethal **Ushers** ~ Ron & Nancy Knapwurst and Hal & Vicki Schuh  
**Communion Set-up/Take-down** ~ Cheryl & Eric Nuenthel  
**Communion Assistants** ~ Carole Kenseth & Peggy Luther  
**Nursery** ~ Alyssa Woodley **Audio Ministry** ~ Holly Loomis  
**Church Lock up** ~ Holly Loomis **Offering Counters** ~ Jean Lehr & Eric or Cheryl Nuenthel

## *~Sunday Attendance Report~*

	<b>Worship</b>	<b>Sunday School PreK-8th grade</b>
March 8, 2020:	87	23
March 1, 2020:	107	27
Feb. 23, 2020:	97	24
Feb. 16, 2020:	73	0 - Valentine Brunch

## *~Calendar~*

### **Sunday, March 15, 2020**

9:00am Worship  
10:15am Fellowship Coffee Hour  
10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation  
10:15am Communion Class  
5-7pm Rise Up

### **Monday, March 16, 2020**

5:30pm Property Committee Meeting  
6:00pm Church Council

### **Tuesday, March 17, 2020**

8:30am Staff Meeting  
9:30am Prayers For Our People  
10am-11am Pastor's Office Hours

### **Wednesday, March 18, 2020**

8am-12pm Pin & Sew  
6:00pm Lenten Supper/Confirmation  
7:00pm Lenten Worship

### **Thursday, March 19, 2020**

8:00am Men's Breakfast

### **Friday, March 20, 2020**

OFFICE CLOSED  
Pastor's Day Off

### **Sunday, March 22, 2020**

8:00am Choir Practice  
9:00am Worship  
10:15am Fellowship Coffee Hour  
10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

### *~Prayers~*

To make a prayer requests: Please write on communion card or call church office before noon Wednesday. Requests will remain on this list for 3 weeks unless otherwise noted.

**-Thanks for New Guinea missionaries John and Amy Lindstrom, and Lutheran Disaster Response.**

**-Healing and comfort to Todd Bergholz, Eric Krueger, Gary Krueger, Andrea Calcagno, Walter Furseth, Jeff Walheim, Sara Depies & Kevin Porter.**

**-For veterans and those deployed, especially Brandon Stach & Axel Gaarder.**

### *~Announcements~*

**Thank you Property Committee!** The coffee pot in the Friendship Hall has been serviced and fixed! It's up and running great. Please remember to keep coffee pot plugged in at all times to ensure water is hot when brewing.

**College/Military Care Packages** The confirmation class will be packing college/military care packages on Wednesday, April 15. We are looking for goodies donations, as well as monetary donations this time around, as shipping costs keep rising. Please consider sponsoring a package for shipment, each one costing approximately \$10. We pack over 25 boxes each semester. Thanks for your generosity!

**Food Pantry Easter Baskets:** EKLC is collecting 36 boxes of Ritz Crackers (or Townhouse) AND 36 pounds of butter for the Cambridge Food Pantry Easter Baskets. Deadline for bringing in items is April 5th.

**Communion Classes** There will be a communion class held during Sunday School on March 15. This class will be focused towards kids in grades 2-5, but open to anyone who is interested in attending. (Please ask Pastor Brenda for more specifics on this)

**This spring, EKLC will have many fellowship meals to enjoy!** There will be free will offerings at each of these to support our ministries.

- Wednesday evenings between March 4 and April 1 - 6 pm Lenten suppers - proceeds to Denver mission trip and confirmation (worship following at 7 pm)
- Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday brunch - proceeds to Confirmation
- Sunday, May 3 - Youth Sunday brunch - proceeds to Sunday School

#### **Bring Pudding cups for Bluejay Backpacks! Go! with Stewardship**

Bluejay Backpacks is a Cambridge school district program that sends easy to prepare foods home with kids in need over long weekends. **EKLC is taking on (Non perishable) PUDDING! We need 95 pudding cups each month through May.** Please consider donating pudding (nonperishable) or money so that we can support this initiative. You can bring your pudding to church and leave it in the food pantry box. Money can be tagged with 'backpacks' and put in the offering plate or sent to the church office.

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