



Sunday, March 9, 2025

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Sermon One with Children

Gathering Hymn Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church
ELW #321

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

A: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.

Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Choir Special Music Forever and Until

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹“When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—

² **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.”**

⁹ Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰ **no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

¹² **Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴ **I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

Second Reading Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b} “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to Luke 4:1-13

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and

was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’ ”

⁹ Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹ and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Two

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, Still Lead On

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Creed

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 him 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 and the Son,
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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church,
the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church.
Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in
fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn
from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus.
God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness plac-

es and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill *especially* Jackie, Judy, Mary Lou, Brandan, Lisa, Landon, Terry, Ed, Kathy, Cherie, Gary, Barb, Lindsay, Betsy, Jim, Chris, Robert, Andy, Michelle, Karen, Monica, Gwendolyn, and the family of Mike. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life (*especially*). Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen**

Sharing of the Peace

Noisy Offering

Offering Prayer

P: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Institution

P: 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, 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

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

Invitation to Communion

Jesus invites you to this table.

Come, eat and live.

Prayer after Communion

P: Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Song Bless Now, O God, the Journey ELW #326

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

Calendar

Sunday, March 9, 2025

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

10:00 a.m. The Chosen Bible Study

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

5:30 p.m. Worship

6:15 p.m. Lenten supper

7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

Sunday, March 16, 2025

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Announcements

The Chosen Bible Study will continue Tuesdays at 10 a.m., weather permitting.

All families interested in their children receiving first communion this year please email Pastor Eric by March 10.

Join us for our mid-week Lenten evening services each Wednesday during Lent beginning March 12th at 7 p.m.. We'll be using an order of worship created by the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin-ELCA based on the Psalms. There will also be a soup supper beforehand served in the fellowship hall beginning around 6 p.m..

East Koshkonong will be participating with the Cambridge Food Pantry and other Cambridge churches in providing Easter Food Baskets for those experiencing food insecurity. This year, we are collecting 50 cans of pie ready cherry pie filling and 50 bags of jelly beans. The last day for collection will be April 6, 2025. Food baskets will be distributed at the Food Pantry on April 9 and April 16. If you or anyone you know has a need for an Easter basket, please contact the Cambridge Food Pantry at 608-423-8142. Thank you in advance for helping all to have an Easter dinner!