

Triumphant Lutheran Church

We grow in Christ to serve others.

Second Sunday of Lent

9am

March 16, 2025

[P] Pastor [AM] Assisting Minister [R] Reader [C] Congregation ELW - Worship

PRELUDE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

[P] Our forty-day journey through Lent recalls Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. Three times, the devil coaxed Jesus to rely on himself instead of on God. Three times, Jesus resisted, trusting God to give him all he needed.

Friends, we are not Jesus. We don't recognize relying on ourselves instead of God as a temptation; we even try too hard to be independent from the God who formed and loves us. Join me in confessing this to God, and asking for compassion.

Silence for reflection.

[P] God, I confess

[C] **that I struggle to confess: I want to delight you by doing all the right things. I don't want to admit that I can't. To receive your forgiveness, I must confront my failure.**

[P] God, I confess

[C] **that I struggle to confess: I'm afraid of being a burden to others and to you. I don't want to need anyone too much, so I try not to need at all.**

[P] God, I confess

[C] **that I struggle to confess: I have rejected my weakness and avoided those who are weak. I have denied my frailty and looked down on those who are frail.**

[P] God, forgive us,

[C] **because we struggle to forgive ourselves. We build a wall that separates us from your love.**

[P] Jesus once said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician." Jesus didn't come for those who didn't need him: he came for me and for you and for everyone who has fallen short. Feel how Jesus' power is made perfect in our weakness. In Christ's name, I tell you that you are completely and entirely forgiven. You are imperfect, and you are forgiven, and you are entirely loved.

[P] Let that forgiven-ness rest in your bones not as a sign of our failure to win the fight against sin, but as the realization that God already has. Let us shout with the psalmist:

[C] **My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust! Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

"Beautiful Savior" ELW hymn 838

THE 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.**

LENTEN LITANY

[AM] People of God, what do you need today?

[C] **Rest for our weary souls.**

[AM] Then come, let us worship God, who calls us to honor the Sabbath,
[C] **who casts a canopy of stars over our sleep, who works for creation's good even as we rest.**

[AM] We gather in the name of our triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the creator of sabbath, the gift of peace, the rest for the weary.

[C] **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "Tree of Life, and Awesome Mystery" ELW 334
verses 1 and Lent 3

Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of hist'ry,
still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.

Living Water of salvation,
be the fountain of each soul;
springing up in new creation,
flow in us and make us whole,
flow in us and make us whole.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[P] Incandescent Christ, signs of your presence fill the world with brightness, but we are weighed down with sleep. Guide our waking and guard our sleeping, so that we may rest soundly in dreams of the world you envision, and wake to refract your glory in all that we do.

[C] **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Pew Bible, OT page 9
[R] The Word of the Lord. [C] **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:28-36 Pew Bible, NT page 53
[P] The Gospel of the Lord. [C] **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Rev. Judi Miller

HYMN OF THE DAY "How Good, Lord, to Be Here!" ELW hymn 315

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

After each petition: [AM] Lord in your mercy [C] **Hear our prayer.**

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OFFERTORY

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,

and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

[AM] God, you gave us what we needed to love you today. Now we offer you a portion of these gifts, a harvest of the love you planted. Bless our gifts and use them in your service through Jesus Christ our Savior.

[C] **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW page 152

[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.**

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all time and in all places give thanks and praise... We praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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Hosanna in the highest, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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THE 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

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace,--- grant us peace.

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COMMUNION HYMN

“On Eagles’ Wings”ELW hymn 787

COMMUNION HYMN

“Christ, Be Our Light”ELW hymn 715

COMMUNION HYMN

“Thy Holy Wings”ELW hymn 613

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER

[AM] O Jesus, you have fed us with the bread that has no price, the precious gift of your own self. Now send us out like Mary with her perfume, prepared to give the best we have to dignify the world you so loved.

[C] Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

[P] Now may God, who gifted us the Sabbath, who slept during the storm at sea, who guards our sleep and shepherds our rest, bless you and sustain you. Today God has answered your need, and now the Spirit sends you out to answer the world's need.

[C] Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Shine, Jesus, Shine” ELW hymn 671

DISMISSAL [AM] We grow in Christ to serve others! [C] Thanks be to God.

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