



# March 12, 2023

## *The Third Sunday in Lent*



*Good Morning and Welcome!*

Guests, we are so glad you are here.  
Please fill out the yellow "Connection Card" in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave.

*Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

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# SERVICE OF WORSHIP

## LBW Setting 1

*\* Please stand as you are able*

THE PRELUDE: "Andante Serioso" (A. W. Ketelbey)

Steven Schneider, Guest Organist

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*HYMN: "Jesus Sinners Will Receive"

LBW 291

1 Je - sus sin - ners will re - ceive; May they all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich  
3 When their sheep have lost their way, Faith - ful shep - herds  
4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his

say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions  
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro -  
go to seek them; Je - sus watch - es all who  
in - vi - ta - tion; Come, o - bey his gra - cious

live And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is  
claim. Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing; We with  
stray, Faith - ful - ly to find and take them In his  
call, Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly

(song continues next page ➡)

hope for all who grieve:  
 hum - ble hearts be - lieve  
 arms, that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners will re - ceive.  
 in these words be - lieve:

5 Jesus sinners will receive.  
 Even me he has forgiven;  
 And when I this earth must leave,

I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to him I cleave—  
 Jesus sinners will receive.

**\*THE 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.

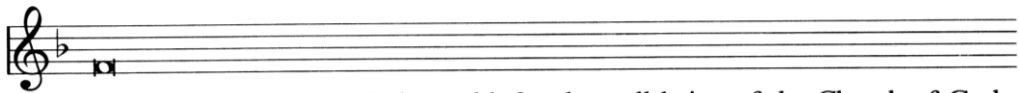
**\*THE KYRIE**

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

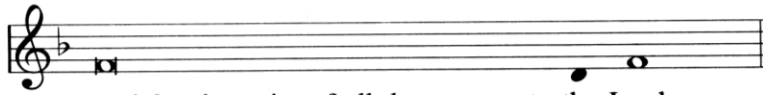
**B** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**B** Lord, have mer - cy.



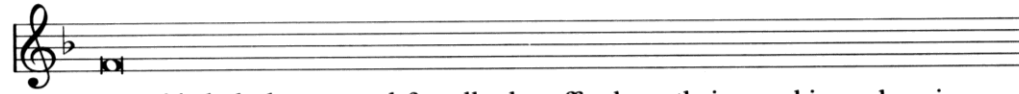
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



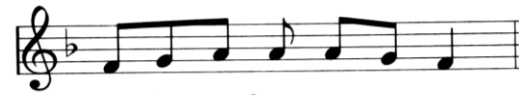
**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



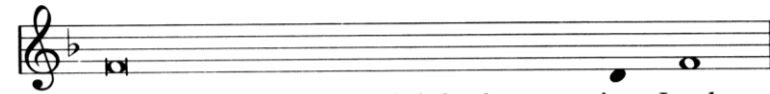
**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



**G** A - men

**\*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**THE FIRST LESSON**

Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to

the LORD, ‘What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.’ <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, ‘Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.’ Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, ‘Is the LORD among us or not?’

#### THE PSALM:

LBW Psalm 95

- <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
**let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**
- <sup>2</sup> Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving;  
**and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**
- <sup>3</sup> For you, LORD are a great God,  
**and a great ruler above all gods.**
- <sup>4</sup> In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
**the heights of the hills are also yours.**
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, for you made it,  
**and your hands have molded the dry land.**
- <sup>6</sup> Come, let us worship and bow down,  
**let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.**
- <sup>7</sup> For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture,  
and the sheep of God’s hand.  
**O that today you would hear God’s voice!**
- <sup>8</sup> “Harden not your hearts,  
**as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**
- <sup>9</sup> There your ancestors tested me,  
**they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.**
- <sup>10</sup> Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
**‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’**
- <sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore in my anger,  
**‘They shall never come to my rest.’”**

#### THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>7</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners

Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lisa Bartel

#### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Return to the Lord"



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

#### \*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

#### \*THE GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

<sup>5</sup>So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?' <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our

ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.’ <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’ <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’ <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’ <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’ <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

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

#### MESSIAH MISSION MOMENTS

Introduction and *House of the Harvest*- Claire Strand

*Owen's House for Women & Children* - Bill Emerson

MLC Weekend Food Program - written by Devonee Woods, read by Laura Peterson

*Enable* (formerly CASA) Ramps - Mark Thompson

*Huntsville Assistance Program* - Mary Ann Stasiak

MLC Rummage Sale- public event- Paulette McNamara

German Food Festival - public event- written by Dana Burton, read by Claire Strand

*Lunches for Learning* MLC Craft Sale- public event- written by Theresa Meyer- read by

Jacquie Fry and Jutta deMarsh

MLC Disaster Response and Closing - Andrew King

1 Take my life, that I may be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;  
 It shall be no longer mine.  
 Take my heart, it is thine own;  
 It shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
 At thy feet its treasure store;  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for thee.

\*THE 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


THE OFFERING

Organ Solo (8:30): "Es woll' uns Gott genädig sein" (J. Pachelbel)

Choir Anthem (11:00): "Ah, Holy Jesus" (J. Crüger/arr.Matheny)



\*THE OFFERTORY: "Create in Me"



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a  
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

\*THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

\*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**



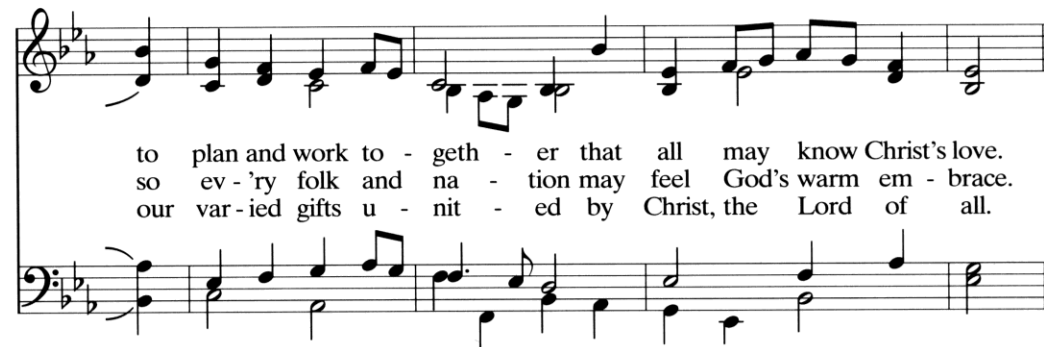
1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
 2 We all are called to ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

\*THE BENEDICTION &amp; DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: "Postlude in F" (C. Cappelen)

## WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

Please refer to names lifted up in prayer  
during Prayers of the Church.

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Debbie & Marc Neely in celebration of Heather Root's birthday.

THANK YOU to Andrew King for leading worship today and Steven Schneider for Accompanying.

A NURSERY, staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee, tea, and fellowship after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

LENTEN SERVICES OF WORSHIP continue this Wednesday March 15 at Noon and 7:00 p.m. and continue through March 29.

HOUSE OF THE HARVEST BREAKFAST & SERVING SATURDAYS for MLC youth, ALL members, and friends are planned for March 18, April 1, and April 22 from 7:15 a.m. to 9 a.m. Just come! There will be MLC parents and youth there to help get you oriented. House of the Harvest is located at 9144 Wall Triana Hwy, Harvest, AL 35749. If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Flowers, Sarah Walker or Claire Strand.

CHURCH LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION will be taking place Saturday, March 25th at 9:00 a.m. We will be spreading pine straw mulch around landscaping beds. All hands are welcome.

PASTORAL CARE continues to be provided by Pastor Diana Bottin for urgent matters that may arise until Pastor Kris officially starts on April 1. Please contact Claire or the Church Office.

SOUP MAKERS & KITCHEN LEADS are still needed for the remainder of our Lenten Soup Suppers. There's no Lenten Soup Supper this week. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or SignUp for the remaining weeks and the Wednesday Night Dinners to follow. POC Debi Peterson

MLC RUMMAGE SALE IS SATURDAY, APRIL 22 - Please save the date, *and your no longer needed, but serviceable, household goods and clothing* to donate starting Wednesda eve. April 19. Volunteers and helpers are needed for set up and clean up. POC is Paulette McNamara.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - Single Toothbrushes FOOD PANTRY Paper Towels

<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Acolytes</u>	(8:30)
<u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		(11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Greeter</u>	Dagmar & Pat Miller (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		(11:00)
<u>Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields	<u>Ushers</u>	Logan & William Rydbom (8:30)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Katrina Strand		Matthew DeMarsh, Tom MacNamara (11:00)
		<u>Lectors</u>	Laura Peterson (8:30)
			Laura Peterson(11:00)
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Linda Peirce (8:30)
			Pat Esteppe (11:00)
		<u>Stream Team</u>	Claire Davis, Paul Zutter
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Janice Aldacco, Jan Murphy

## **\*\*CHURCH CALENDAR\*\***

### **Sunday, March 12 Mission Sunday**

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for Adults /Mission Projects for Pre-K - Gr. 12  
10:40 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 a.m. - \*Service of Worship: Service of the Word  
6:30 p.m. - Notabella

### **Tuesday, March 14**

9:00 a.m. - Comforters

### **Wednesday, March 15**

12:00 p.m. - Lenten Midweek Worship - *Service of the Word*  
7:00 p.m. - Lenten Midweek Worship - *Holden Evening Prayer*  
7:30 p.m. - Messiah Choir

### **Thursday, March 16**

7:00 p.m. - Kit Ministries

### **Saturday, March 18**

7:15 a.m. - House of the Harvest Breakfast & Service  
9:00 a.m. - Contemporary Rehearsal

### **Sunday, March 19**

8:10 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal  
8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: WOV Bread of Life with the Lord's Supper  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages  
11:00 a.m. - \*Service of Worship: Contemporary Service with the Lord's Supper  
4:00 p.m. - 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation  
5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth  
6:30 p.m. - Notabella

*\*These services are live streamed on [mlutheran.org](http://mlutheran.org)*

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**March 13 - March 17** - Madison City School Break - Modified MLC Schedule

**March 1 - March 29** - Lenten Services at Noon and 7:00 p.m.

**March 18** - House of the Harvest Breakfast & Service

**March 23** - Noon Organ Recital at MLC (American Guild of Organists)

**March 25** - Spring Exterior Clean Up / Pinestraw Mulching

**April 1** - House of the Harvest Breakfast & Service

**April 2** - Palm Sunday - Pastor Kris' First Sunday/Egg Hunt & Party

**April 8** - Holy Saturday Prayer Stations

**April 9** - Easter Sunday/Easter Breakfast

**April 22** - Church Rummage Sale, House of the Harvest Breakfast

**April 28** - Valley Consort Choral Concert at MLC

**April 30** - Installation of Pastor Kris Schroeder

### **Attendance:**

February 26 Online: - 54

March 5 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 117, 11:00 a.m. - 59

### **Offerings Counted March 5, 2023**

Church Ministries

Current Mortgages

Flowers

Owen's House \$20.00 Lent

Messiah Mugs

SE Synod Disaster Response

Facility Usage

Property

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