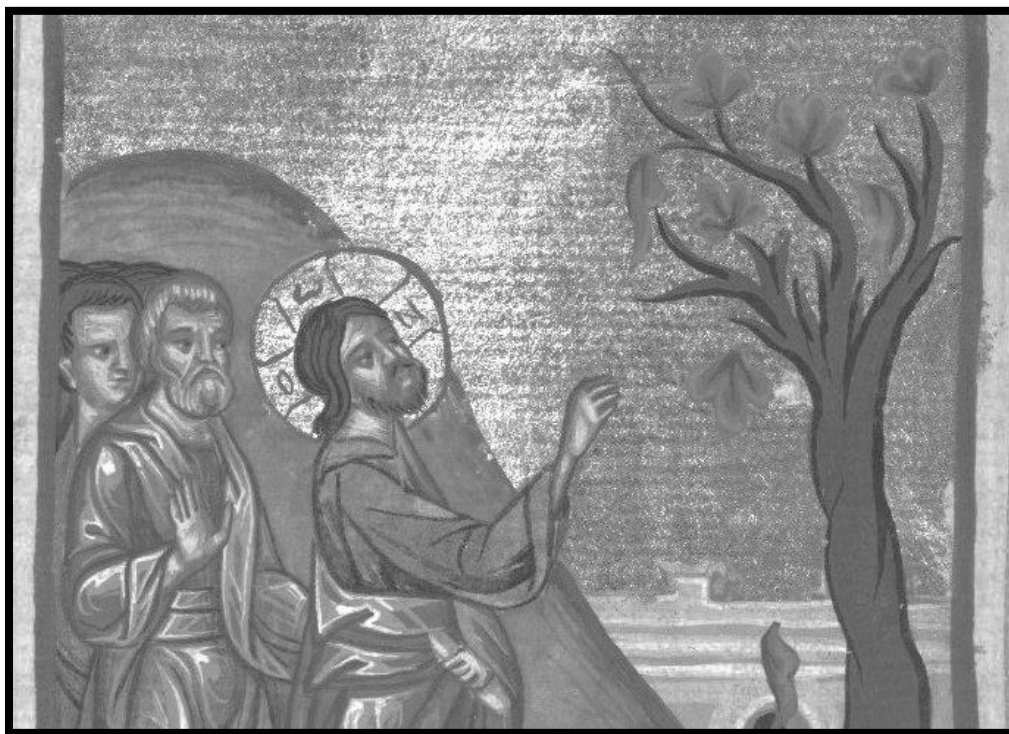


Sunday, March 16, 2025
The Second Sunday in Lent
10:00 AM

For the writer of Luke's gospel, Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem is the starting point for the Christian mission. In Jesus' ability to fulfill his purpose, even in the midst of opposition, we find inspiration as we seek to live our lives in line with God's purposes. Along the way, we discover that the church – the body of Christ – doesn't exist for itself. Rather, it exists to be a partner with God in God's mission to love, bless, and reconcile the world.



Welcome to Worship!

***As we prepare for worship, please silence your mobile devices.
We invite you to a time of silence and focus.***

WELCOME TO WORSHIP: It is our joy to welcome you to worship today, in-person and from wherever you may be viewing. We give thanks for whatever brought you, and pray that you may experience the love of God surrounding you and upholding you as we gather together to give thanks to God through Word and Sacrament.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available to use in the Sanctuary for worship. They are located in the Sound Booth; ask the Sound Booth operator if you would like to use one.

WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED in the Faith and Family Center (located near the entrance doors to the large parking lot). Anyone is welcome to worship in that space.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN IN WORSHIP! Like Jesus who welcomed children to his ministry, Saint Andrew's welcomes children to our worship services. Re-usable activity bags (for readers and non-readers) with books, stickers, crayons, paper, and a snack are available from the usher/hospitality team; please return the bags following worship.

- "Younger Disciples Tips" are in the bulletin with ideas to engage children in worship.
- "A Time for Younger Disciples" during worship invites all God's children to listen to a message.

Health Practices in place to help reduce the spread of viruses and illness:

- Mask wearing is optional. Anyone who wishes to mask is welcome to do so.
- Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

For other activities, events, meetings check our website: <https://SALC.church>

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING IN PROGRESS

Saint Andrews livestreams and records its worship services to YouTube.

Video and Audio recording is currently in progress. It is possible that video footage and/or audio conversations of worshippers in the Saint Andrew's Sanctuary may appear on the YouTube livestream/recording.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

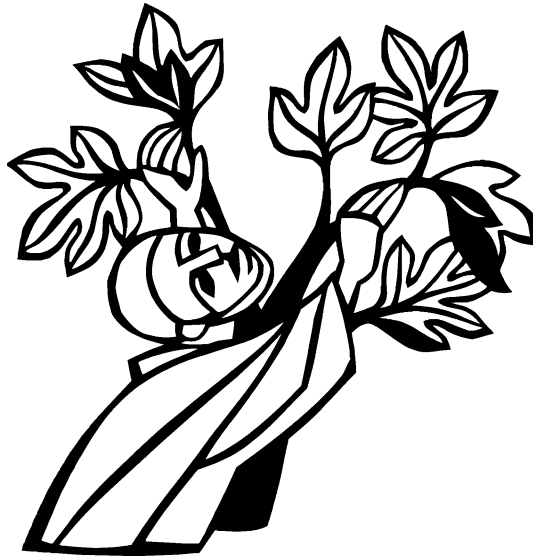
“The Lord’s My Shepherd” Jessie S. Irvin (arr. Hustad)
Will Simpson, Organ

WELCOME

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.

*Worship leaders will say text in light print.
Congregation will say/respond with bold text.*



HYMN

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"



Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou
 art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
 thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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.

KYRIE



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . have mer - cy.

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.

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

Let us pray together. Almighty God,
your word is powerfully dangerous. It casts out demons, heals incurable diseases, devours empires, and transforms the fabric of the universe. Help us to stand in awe and fear of what your word is capable of doing, that we may have the courage to speak it and the wisdom to hear it, for the sake of the one whose very whisper can demolish sin, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Please be seated.

A TIME FOR YOUNGER DISCIPLES

You can find this in your Story Bible on page 372.

Pastor Lara

WORD

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’”

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

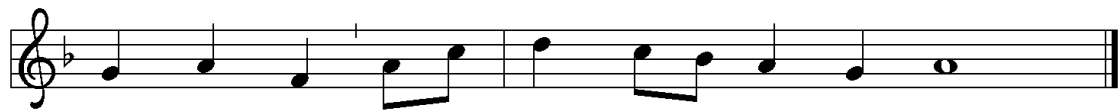
GOSPEL RESPONSE



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.

SERMON

Pastor Lara

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

*Trusting in God's baptismal promises,
we affirm our faith using the words of 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 power of 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.**

** here, “catholic” means the wholeness of the church in all times and places.*

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Prayers/Offering: Invite children to write down who they want to pray for this week and one way they can serve their family/community.

THE PRAYERS

*After each petition, the leader will say, “God in your mercy”.
Your response is, **receive our prayer.***

THE PEACE

*The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.*

Please greet people around you as you are comfortable.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING Our ushers will be passing offering plates. We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of Saint Andrew’s Lutheran Church. There are envelopes in the pews, or you can give online using the QR code.



OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Christ Loves the Church”
The Chancel Choir

Wren/Marshall

Christ loves the Church, with grace beyond all measure.
We bear his name, for all the world to see.
He will not let us go or let us be,
but chooses earthen vessels for his treasure.

Christ feeds the Church, and fills us with a vision,
through praise and preaching, wine and broken bread,
of sharing people, doing what they've said,
who win the world's respect, or opposition.

Christ needs the Church, to live and tell his story,
so praise his love, and marvel at his trust,
till, bathed in light, awakened from the dust,
we walk with God, alive in grace and glory.



OFFERTORY VERSE

Now Thank We All Our God

3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,

the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

We pray together. God, our 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.
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.

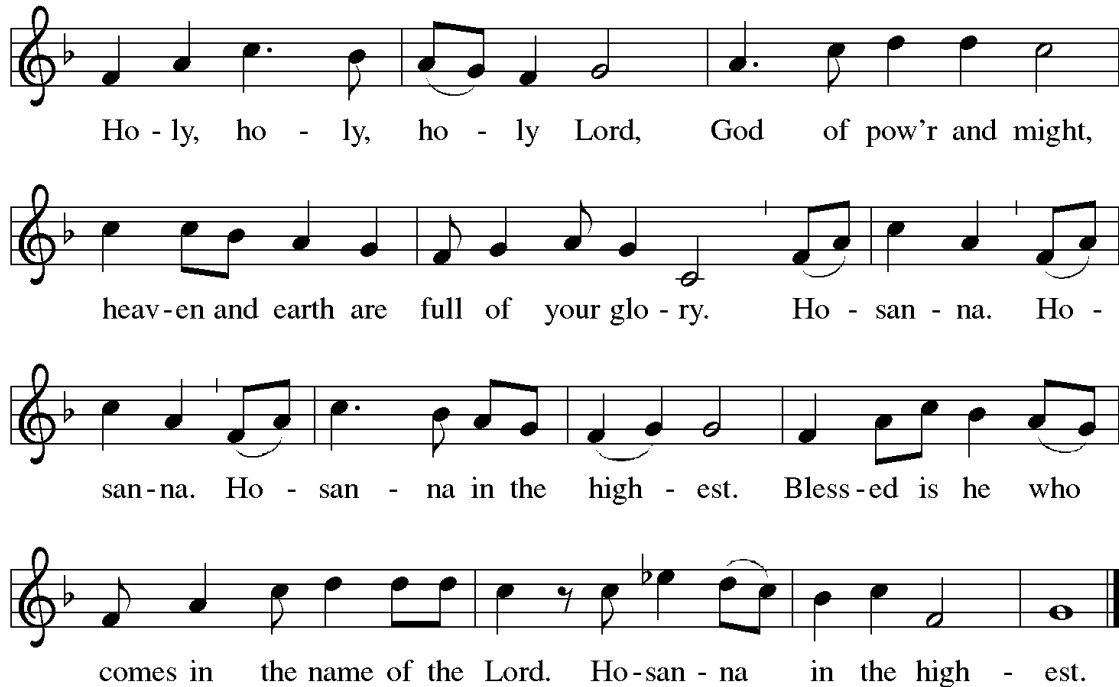
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

SANCTUS



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed and broke it and shared it with his friends, saying, “Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and shared it with his friends, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

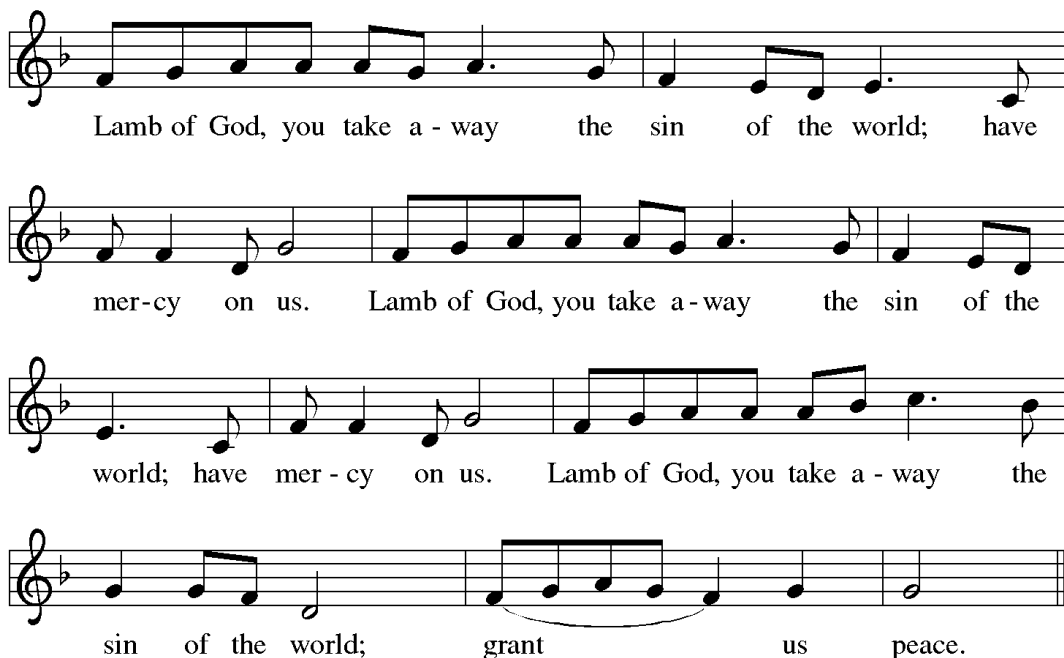
We pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

Please be seated. We wait silently as the participants who are worshipping online are communed.

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 DISTRIBUTION and HEALING PRAYERS

Communion is received around the altar rail. You are invited to kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. Please follow the directions of the ushers and use the hand sanitizer provided.

Bread is placed in the hands. Red wine and White grape juice are offered by individual cup. Please ask if you would like a gluten-free option.


If you wish to be communed in your seat, please let one of the ushers/hospitality team know.

Today we have two Healing Prayer Ministers to pray with you during Communion. They are ready to pray for healing and also offer thanksgiving for healing. You may also bring other concerns for prayer to them.


COMMUNION HYMN

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain




Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



Refrain

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together. God, our 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.
Amen.

SENDING

Younger Disciples Tip ~ Blessing: Mark the sign of the cross on your child's forehead as a reminder of this sending blessing

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.



SENDING HYMN

Thy Holy Wings

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

SENDING

All children and youth are invited to come forward to participate in the sending.

Go in peace. Share in love.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE “Londonderry Air” Traditional Irish Melody (arr. Simpson)
Will Simpson, Piano

Thank you to all who are assisting in worship today:

Rev. Lara Forbes, *Preaching and Presiding Minister*

Dr. Will Simpson, *Director of Music*

Jean Wahlstrom, *Assisting Minister*

Elaine Koga, *Accompanist*

Carol Schneider, *Lector*

Cheryl Jurrus and Mikel Oswalt, *Healing Ministers*

Melanie Grad, *Acolyte*

Art Gurtel and Gary Rudolph, *Ushers*

Jay Baxter and Ann Berglind, *Altar Guild*

Daivd Mills, *Livestream Video*

Johannes Grad, *Audio*

Eva Mader and Gene Rowland, *Greeters*

Alex Nichols Hicks, *Coffee Host*

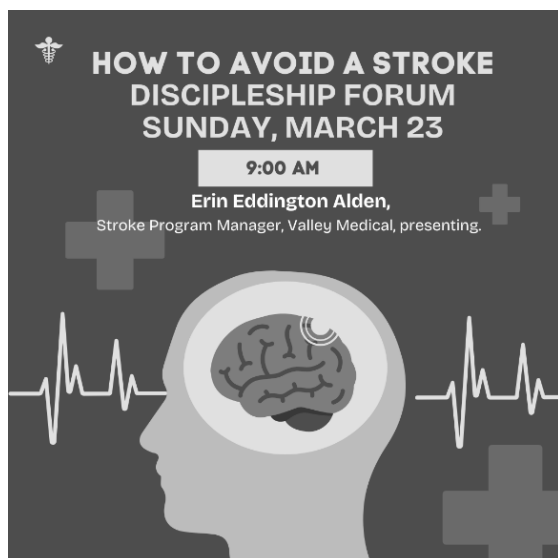
Worship Text for March 23
Luke 15:1-32

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Announcements

“Speaking Truth to Power: What Would Bonhoeffer Do?” Led by Rev. Dr. Rick Rouse with Rev. Dr. Mark Brocker. Offered by Our Savior's Lutheran, Everett on March 16, 23, and 30 in person and via ZOOM on Sundays at 11 am recordings will be available on YouTube. **Interested Saint Andrew’s members can head to the library after worship to watch the ZOOM presentations on Sunday mornings.**

Is this a Bonhoeffer moment in America and what can Dietrich Bonhoeffer teach us about God’s call to be courageous disciples during difficult times? We’ll explore how we are called to be tellers of the truth as well as messengers of healing and hope. Mark Brocker is President of the Oregon Bonhoeffer Society, translator of Bonhoeffer’s works for Augsburg Fortress, and former PLTS professor. Rick Rouse is retired pastor, professor and author of several books including *A Journey Called Hope: Today’s Immigrant Stories and the American Dream* (Chalice Press, 2024).



Your Health and Wellness Committee has invited Erin Eddington Alden, Stroke Program Manager from Valley Medical to present information about avoiding a stroke. Plan to attend this life-saving forum on **Sunday, March 23rd at 9 AM!**



OWLS Meet March 18th!

Had trouble opening a jar lately? You're not alone.

We wiser folks, also known as the *Older, Wiser Lutheran Saints*, will share our tricks, hints and hacks on Tuesday, March 18. Come prepared to share how you **open things** such as cracker bags, peanut butter jars and those pesky well-wrapped cheese trays.

Expect some good ideas and fun conversation.

We gather at 11:45 a.m. and share a potluck lunch at noon. If possible, please pitch in with a dish to share.

Questions? Call or email Event Coordinator Sherry Grindeland at 425-746-2529 or sherry@salc.church.

It's that time of year again! The Health and Wholeness Committee is collecting items for **Personal Care Kits**. These basic items will be sent by LWR to designated areas around the world. These things are needed:

- TOWELS, 20" x 40"-27"x52". Light weight, dark colors. Need to be washed first.
- COMBS, large and sturdy. No pick combs
- METAL NAIL CLIPPERS, large size
- TOOTHBRUSHES, adult size
- SOAP, 4 or 5 oz.

Place items in LWR basket in Narthex, or leave in church office, designated for LWR. Many thanks for your support of this important ministry!

Save the Dates:

- **Sunday, June 22, 2025 at 11:00 AM is the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting.**
- Reports for the Annual Report are due **May 19, 2025!!**

hopelink Hopelink doesn't often have a supply of spaghetti or similar pasta or pasta sauce in their market. It is something that their clients want but can't often get. So, that is what we will collect for March.

So, for March we are collecting:

- Pasta, particularly long pasta (spaghetti, linguine or fettuccine – in 1-pound packages)
- Pasta sauce (in 24 ounce jars)

A Women's Gathering: Jill Nichols-Hicks is organizing a women's gathering on Friday, March 28th, 6pm-9pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a salad or hot dish to share, beverages and desserts will be provided. We will gather with a community-wide group of women to meet, connect, make new friends, and learn something new as we listen to a panel of women who will share their stories about writing and publishing their books. Bring a friend, fill the car and come have an uplifting evening.

Questions? Ask Jill at jnicholshicks@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!



Calendar for the Week

Sunday, March 16

9:00 AM Discipleship Forum
Sunday School (Pre-K~5th gr)
Youth Education (6-12th gr)
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Knit Wits
11:00 AM “What Would Bonhoeffer Do?”
5:00 PM Community Game Night, SALC

Monday, March 17

1:00 PM Staff Meeting
7:00 PM Discipleship Committee

Tuesday, March 18

8:30 AM Tuesday Morning Men
10:00 AM Bible Study with Pastor Lara
11:45 AM OWLS lunch

Wednesday, March 19

Thursday, March 20

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 21

Office is closed.

Sunday, March 23

9:00 AM Discipleship Forum
Sunday School (Pre-K~5th gr)
Youth Education (6-12th gr)
10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM “What Would Bonhoeffer Do?”, L
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