

St. Luke Lutheran Church

"Energized by God's Love"

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
1st Sunday in Lent

Setting IV
February 22, 2026



Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!
God has greatly blessed us with your presence today.
Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty in the church office.



Sunnyvale Community Services
Preventing Homelessness and Hunger in Our Local Community

SERVING US THIS MORNING

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Prayer Chain Coordinator: Marlene Custer

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Beth Stauter

PRELUDE

“DISTRESS”
(By Gilbert M. Martin)

Beth Stauter

WELCOME

Pastor Dan Tisdell

GATHERING HYMN **“O LORD, THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS” ELW #319**

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

[C] **Amen.**

[P] Gracious God,

[C] **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

[P] For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

[C] **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

[P] For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,

[C] **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

[P] For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

[C] **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

[P] For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

[C] **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

[P] For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

[C] **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

[P] For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

[C] **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

[P] God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

[C] **Amen.**

INVOCATION

(music found on page 147)

[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

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

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

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

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

[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.*

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

[A] *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

[A] *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

[C] **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “The Feast of Victory”

(music found on page 149)

[A] *This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.*

[C] **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever.

Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE WITH BETH STAUTER

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Psalm 32

OT => Old Testament windows (right) side of sanctuary

NT => New Testament windows (left) side of sanctuary

[NT] Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

[OT] Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

[NT] While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

[OT] For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

[NT] Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

[OT] Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

[NT] You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

[OT] "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

[NT] Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

[OT] Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

[C] **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

2nd Reading – Romans 5:5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(music found on page 151)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

[P] This is the Holy Gospel according to Matthew ...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

Gospel – Matthew 4:1-11

Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE "FILLING THE HOLES IN OUR SOULS" Pastor Dan Tisdell

HYMN OF THE DAY "A MIGHTY FORTRESS" ELW #504

GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer requests collected in the offering plates will be brought forward for the Prayers of the People.

OFFERING MUSIC Beth Stauter

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

[C] **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

(*universal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[P & A] Hear us O God,

[C] **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE OF CHRIST

TRANSITIONAL PRAYER

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **Oh God, each time I worship and take communion, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your powerful Spirit and help me grow closer to you and to my neighbor. Amen.**

MEAL

Sung by Pastor Dan Tisdell

The Great Thanksgiving

[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 . . .

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

[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.**

"LAMB OF GOD"

(music found on page 154)

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups or by intinction with bread and

