



Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving

3rd Sunday of Lent

Communion Worship

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We are so glad that God brought you to this time of worship. If you'd like to learn more about our congregation, please feel free to contact the church office or Pastor Mary Eide

*NOTE: **Bold text indicates worshipers' response**, and *' means please stand as able*

PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME & MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

* Blue #655 GATHERING HYMN "As the Sun with Longer Journey" p. 5

* P: In the name of the Father, ✚ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

* P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of you Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*CONFESSIOIN *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as we begin.*
In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our Lenten faith journey. **Amen. Silence is kept for reflection.** Holy One, **we confess at times we have wandered far from you: we have not always trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of your grace, and have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

* FORGIVENESS Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again, and gathers you under wings of love. In ✚ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

* P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ , the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

* P: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

P: 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. **Lord have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer their worship and praise. , let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

*** PRAYER OF THE DAY** Eternal God, **your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.** Amen.

GROWING

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways. First A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, chapter 55, beginning at verse 1.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience. Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

¹At that very time there were some present who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?"³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then 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. ⁷So he said to the gardener, '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?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'" The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you O Christ.**

* Blue#766 HYMN OF THE DAY "We Come to the Hungry Feast" p. 5

Until 2 years ago, most of us had never lived in a time when we heard of how worldwide so many people died from an illness. Such an experience reminded us that none of us is promised tomorrow. What ONE area in your life do you feel you need to 'repent/turn back towards God'? One thought, habit/behavior, regret, grudge, hate, anger, or prejudice do you need to 'prune' from our life?

GIVING

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

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

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (Pastor: Merciful God, **ALL: receive our prayer.**)

* OFFERING PRAYER God, **there's nowhere we can go where you aren't already waiting: in the farmyards, schoolyards, health facilities, in the places where we live and work, and most especially at the communion table, where your Son has promised to meet us; where he is both Host and Meal. Reveal yourself to us now. Amen.**

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Adapted by Pastor Mary Eide

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* 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**

* WORDS OF INSTITUTION

* 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

* MEAL INVITATION Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

HOLY COMMUNION – *All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the bread and wine are welcome to commune with us. Gluten-free wafers available, and give "thumbs up" for grape juice. Children who do not yet receive Holy Communion may come forward for a blessing.*

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

* ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING Go with the blessing of God. Remember that this blessing is with you, no matter the places to which you are called. Be blessed by the name of God ✠, who inspires, inhabits, and ignites us, today and every day. **Amen.** *"You Are Here' Sending Prayer for Sundays in Lent" © 2021 by Barn Geese Worship. Used by permission of Barn Geese Worship. Adapted by Pastor Mary Eide*

* Blue#699 SENDING HYMN "*Blessed Assurance*" p. 6

* DISMISSAL Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE

Michelle Young

SCHEDULE

Today	8:45am	- NO Sunday School
	10:00am	- Worship w/Communion
Monday	7pm	- AA Meeting
Tuesday:	4-6 pm	- Food Pantry
	7pm	- Grief Share
Wednesday	10am	- Bible Study on "The Kingdom of God"
	6pm	- Soup Supper
	7pm	- Holden Evening Prayer Service
Friday:	10am-Noon	- Food Pantry
Sunday:	10:00am	- Worship
	11:00am	- Fellowship-Bob & Linda Dempski hosting
Monday:	6:00pm	- AA Pizza Party
	6:30pm	- Church Council Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY **Wednesday, 3/23 10am** in the basement. We will be studying about **the kingdom of God**...one of Jesus' most talked of topics! On 3/23 we will be working our way through Lesson #2 of 4. *Copies of the first 2 parts of the 4-part study can be found at church or emailed to you.* There are also online videos from the author, Mark Allan Powell, to help introduce himself and the lesson. They can be found at <https://www.gathermagazine.org/resources/>

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER SINGERS needed for Wednesdays in Lent

GIVE OF YOUR TREASURE OF TIME...TO FEED THE HUNGRY Sunday, **April 3rd** our congregation will be making the **Community Table** meal in Eau Claire. We need 5-6 people at both shifts (1-3pm and 3-5pm) Sign up at church or contact **Holly Sweeney** if you are interested. **715-456-6960**

The **Elk Mound Community Food Pantry is looking for some donations:** Canned Carrots, Stewed Tomatoes, Soups (NOT tomato or cream of mushroom), Fruit cocktail, Chicken and Beef Broth, Ramen, Stuffing, Suddenly Salad, Juices, Meat, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Soap. These Items can be dropped off during Food Pantry Hours (Tues, 4-6p, Fri 10a-12P), on Sunday Mornings, or by calling at 715-879-5115.

YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF have fund plans for a large group gathering for all students (and others who want to join them) for **APRIL 10th Palm Sunday, beginning at 8:45am.**

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As the Sun with Longer Journey



1 As the sun with long-er jour-ney melts the win-ter's snow and ice,
 2 Through the days of wait-ing, watch-ing, in the des-ert of our sin,
 3 Praise be giv-en to the mak-er of the sea-sons' year-ly round:

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with its slow-ly grow-ing ra-diance warms the seed be-neath the earth,
 search-ing on the far ho-ri-zon for a sign of cloud or wind,
 Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it—Source, Sus-tain-er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up-ris-ing gent-ly bring our hearts to life.
 we a-wait the heal-ing wa-ters of our Sav-ior's vic-to-ry.
 as the ev-er turn-ing a-ges roll to their e-ter-nal rest.

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We Come to the Hungry Feast

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1 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a word of peace.
 2 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry for a world re-leased
 3 We come to the hun-gry feast hun-gry that the hun-ger cease,



To hun-gry hearts un-sat-is-fied the love of God is
 from hun-gry folk of ev-'ry kind, the poor in bod-y,
 and know-ing, though we eat our fill, the hun-ger will stay



not de-nied. We come, we come to the hun-gry feast.
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun-gry feast.
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun-gry feast.

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Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:

this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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