

THIRD SUNDAY  
in  
LENT

**March 23, 2025**  
**3rd Sunday in Lent**  
**8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship Services**

# ST. TIMOTHY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Welcome in the name of Christ!**

We rejoice that you have joined us this morning!!

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*Hence the most devout prayer of this psalm is where he says, "Convert us, O God our Savior, etc." And this is the most intense plea, "Wilt Thou be angry with us forever?" For the soul is dreadfully afraid of being damned when it begins to feel its sin and to long for righteousness. And no doubt the church now chants this psalm in this sense.*

*-Martin Luther-*

*Luther's Works, Volume 11*

## **Third Sunday in Lent**

At times we humans are prone to weighing one sin as greater than another, but Jesus teaches that all sin is disobedience toward God. Sinners are called to repent and turn toward God and away from sin. The parable of the barren fig tree demonstrates God's patience and persistence in this regard, however the judgment will come. Faith requires repentance as God desires for all to seek him and live.

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\* indicates when the congregation is to stand. Anyone wishing to remain seated may do so during any part of the liturgy.

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 817 - "You Have to Come Down to the Lakeshore"



1	Tú	has	ve - ni - do	a la	o - ri - lla,	no	has	bus -
1	You	have	come	down	to the	lake -	shore	seek - ing
2	You	know	full	well	what	I	have,	Lord:
3	You	need	my	hands,	my	ex -	haus -	tion,
4	You	who	have	fished	oth -	er	wa -	ters;
								work - ing
								you, the



ca - do	ni	a	sa - bios	ni	a	ri - cos;	tan	só - lo
nei - ther	the	wise	nor	the	wealth -	y,	but	on - ly
trea - sure	nor	wea -	pons	for	con -	quest,	just	these
love	for	the	rest	of	the	wea -	ry -	a
long - ing	of	souls	that	are	yearn -	ing:	O	lov - ing



quie - res	que	yo	te	si - ga.
ask - ing	for	me	to	fol - low,
fish - nets	and	will	for	work - ing.
will - ing	to	go	on	lov - ing.
Friend, you	have	come	to	call
				me.



*Refrain / Estribillo*

Se - ñor,	me	has	mi - ra - do	a los	o - jos;	son - ri - en - do,
Sweet Lord,	you	have	looked	in - to	my	eyes;
						kind - ly
						smil - ing,



has	di - cho	mi	nom - bre.	En	la	a - re - na	he	de - ja - do	mi
you've	called	out	my	name. . . .	On	the	sand	I	have
									a - ban - doned
									my



bar - ca;	jun - to	a	ti	bus - ca - ré	o - tro	mar.
small	boat;	now	with	you,	I	will
						seek
						oth - er
						seas.

## \*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The Ten Commandments and responses from Martin Luther's explanations in the Small Catechism.*

P As we are baptized, so we die to sin and rise to new life. In the name of the Father, and of + the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Hear the Word of God. The 1st Commandment: *I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods.*

C **We must fear, love, and trust God more than anything else.**

P The 2nd Commandment: *You shall not take the name of the Lord Your God in vain.*

C **We must fear and love God, so that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie, deceive, or try to use magical powers. We must speak his name to pray, praise, and thank him in all times of trouble.**

P The 3rd Commandment: *Remember the Lord's Day, to keep it holy.*

C **We must fear and love God, so that we do not look down on the preaching of God's Word. We must treat it as holy and gladly listen and learn it.**

P The 4th Commandment: *Honor your father and mother.*

C **We must fear and love God, so that we do not look down on or irritate our parents and other authorities. We must respect, serve, obey, and love them.**

P The 5th Commandment: *You shall not kill.*

C **We must fear and love God, so that we do not harm our neighbors. We must protect and help them in every need.**

P The 6th Commandment: *You shall not commit adultery.*

C **We must fear and love God, so that our words and actions are clean and decent in matters of sex. Husbands and wives must honor and serve each other.**

P The 7th Commandment: *You shall not steal.*

C **We must fear and love God, so that we do not take our neighbors' money or possessions, or try to cheat them. We must help our neighbors to protect their possessions and employment.**

P The 8th Commandment: *You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

C **We must fear and love God, so that we do not hurt our neighbors by lying, betraying, or slandering them. We must defend them, say good things about them, and explain what they do in the best possible way.**

P The 9th Commandment: *You shall not covet your neighbor's house.*

C **We must fear and love God, so that we do not envy or try to take our neighbors' house, property, or personal belongings, or claim to have a right to them. We must help our neighbors to keep what belongs to them.**

P The 10th Commandment: *You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse, family, friends, or workers.*

C **We must fear and love God, so that we do not envy or interfere in our neighbors' relationships. We must urge them to stay and be loyal.**

P What does God say to us about all these commandments?

C **God threatens to punish everyone who breaks these commandments. We should be afraid of his anger, because of his righteousness and not violate his commandments. But God promises grace and every blessing to those who keep his commandments. For this reason, too, we should love and trust God, and willingly obey his commandments.**

P Let us return to God with all our hearts and confess our sins.

C **Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we are not worthy to gather in your presence and be called your children. Because of us, your name is dishonored in the world, and we rightly fear your judgment. We pray for forgiveness we cannot earn and renewal we do not merit. Deliver us from slavery to sin and death, so that we may delight in your commandments, through the merits of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

P Our Father in heaven has given his only Son to die and to rise from the dead for us. For Jesus' sake, he pardons all our sins and calls us to serve him in the world as his forgiven family. Our Father sets us free in the Holy Spirit to fear, love, and trust him more than anything else, and gladly to obey his commandments. On the Last Day, he will raise us, and all who believe in Christ, and we shall live forever under him in his kingdom in righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

By Christ's authority I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of ✝ the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

VERSE



1. How can I \_\_\_\_\_ be free from sin, \_\_\_\_\_



lead me to the cross of Je - sus,



from the guilt, \_\_\_\_\_ the pow'r, \_\_\_\_\_ the pain, \_\_\_\_\_



lead me to the cross of Je - sus.

CHORUS



There's no oth - er way, no price that I could pay,  
Flow - ing from a - bove, 7 all for - giv - ing love,



sim - ply to the cross \_\_\_\_\_ cling.  
from the Fa - ther's heart to \_\_\_\_\_ me. This is all I need,  
What a gift of grace,

this is all I plead, His own right-eous-ness, that His blood was shed for me. cloth-ing me in pu-ri-ty.

VERSE

2. How can I know peace with-in,  
3. How can I live day by day,

lead me to the cross of Je-sus,  
lead me to the cross of Je-sus,

sing a song of joy a-gain,  
fol-low-ing His nar-row way,

lead me to the cross of Je-sus.  
lead me to the cross of Je-sus. (1.)

Je-sus. (2.) *Fine*

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## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

ANTHEM *"He Died for Me"- Arr. Joy Sanford*

10:30 AM

**Psalm 85 (LBW) - Read Responsively**

<sup>1</sup>You have been gracious to your land, O LORD,\*  
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**You have forgiven the iniquity of your people\*  
and blotted out all their sins.**

<sup>3</sup>You have withdrawn all your fury\*  
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.

<sup>4</sup>**Restore us then, O God our Savior,\*  
let your anger depart from us.**

<sup>5</sup>Will you be displeased with us forever?\*  
will you prolong your anger from age to age?

<sup>6</sup>**Will you not give us life again,\*  
that your people may rejoice in you?**

<sup>7</sup>Show us your mercy, O LORD,\*  
and grant us your salvation.

<sup>8</sup>**I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,\*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

<sup>9</sup>Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,\*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

<sup>10</sup>**Mercy and truth have met together;\***  
**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**

<sup>11</sup>Truth shall spring up from the earth,\*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>**The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,\***  
**and our land will yield its increase.**

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go before him,\*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

## **\*THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 13:1-9**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told {Jesus} about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." <sup>6</sup>And he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>And he said to the vinedresser, 'Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' <sup>8</sup>And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. <sup>9</sup>Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'" "

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Pray and Play (during 10:30 am service)*

## **SERMON**

## What is a Disciple?"

Luke 6:37-42 | Use Chapter 9  
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### Luke 6:37-42

<sup>37</sup> "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

<sup>39</sup> He also told them this parable: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit? <sup>40</sup> **The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.**

<sup>41</sup> "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? <sup>42</sup> How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Spirit Song"

♩=90

VERSE

D A/E D/F# G A7 F#m7



1. Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with His Spir - it and His  
2. Oh, come and sing this song with glad - ness as your hearts are filled with

4 Bm Em7 A G/A A D



love; Let Him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul.  
joy; Lift your hands in sweet sur - ren - der to His name.

8 A/E D/F# G A7 F#m7



Oh, let Him have those things that hold you, and His Spir - it, like a  
Oh, give Him all your tears and sad - ness, give Him all your years of

12 Bm Em7 A G/A A7 D



dove, will de - scend up - on your life and make you whole. \_\_\_\_\_  
pain, and you'll en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name. \_\_\_\_\_

CHORUS

17 G A7/G F#m7 Bm7 Em7 A



Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and fill Your

23 D G A7/G F#m7



lambs. \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus, oh Je -

28 Bm7 Em7 A A7 G/A D



-sus, come and fill Your lambs.

## **\*APOSTLE'S 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**

**\*CALL TO PRAYER**

*"Made Me Glad"*

F C  
1. I will bless the Lord for - ev - er.

F C  
I will trust Him at all times.

F C  
He has de - liv - ered me from all fear.  
(2.) Whom have I in heav - en but You?

F C  
He has set my feet on a rock, and  
There's none I de - sire be - sides You, and

F Dm7 F/G  
I will not be moved. I'll say of the Lord: You are my shield,  
You have made me glad. I'll say of the Lord:

C Dm7 F Gsus  
my strength, my por - tion, de - liv - er - er, my shel -

C C/E F Gsus  
- - ter, strong tow - er, my ver - y pres - ent help in time of need.

F G/C C G/C 1. C 2. C

Miriam Webster

## **\*THE PRAYERS**

- A Let us pray... (The assisting minister ends each petition with “*Lord in your Mercy.*” The congregation responds with “*Hear our Prayer*”)
- P Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

## **\*PEACE**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C **And also with you.** (*Worshippers, please respect the social-distancing preferences of those who remain seated during the sharing of the peace.*)

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY**

## **\*GOD COMES TO HIS PEOPLE IN HOLY COMMUNION**

P Let us offer these gifts to the Lord.

C **As signs of His love for us.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord at all times and in all places.

C **For through these gifts He comes to feed us.**

P Let us bless God's Holy name, blessed be the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C **And rejoice in his presence.**

P Let us come to the table with joy for God loves us.

C **For we come as God's invited guests.**

## **\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**



P In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread,  
And gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
    Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
    Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
    This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
    shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
    Do this for the remembrance of me.

**C Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all  
honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray, saying:

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C 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

## **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Come to the table of Christ where the feast of life is spread.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*As Lutheran Christians, we believe Christ is truly present within our gathering, and the taking of bread and wine is for forgiveness, life and salvation. On behalf of Christ, we invite all who are baptized and believe in Jesus Christ to join us in His Holy Supper. Children or any visitor who have not made their first communion may come forward to the Altar for a blessing. If you are allergic to bread or wine, you may fully participate by taking either one or the other. White grape juice is offered in prefilled cups. Gluten free wafer upon request.*

*Anyone not able to come forward to partake please notify an usher and Pastor will come to commune you.*



Poured out and bro- ken -- in



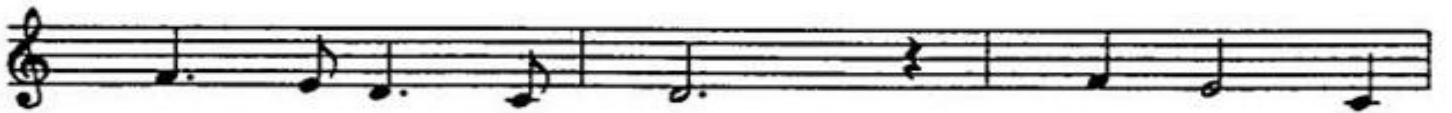
this re- mem- ber me. Eat this and



drink this- for- give- ness giv- en free.



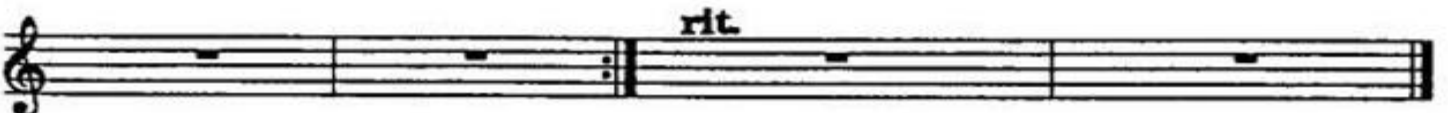
I am - God's pro- mise in the



bread and in the wine. Poured out and



bro- ken, I give my- self in love.



# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## "The Lamb" (vs. 1-4)

Chords: C<sup>sus</sup> C C/B Am Am/G Dm/F

1. The Lamb, \_ the Lamb, \_ O Fa - ther, where's the  
 (2. The) Lamb, \_ the Lamb, \_ one per - fect fi - nal  
 (3. The) Lamb, \_ the Lamb, \_ as way - ward sheep their  
 (4. He) sighs, \_ He dies, \_ He takes my sin and  
 (5. He) rose, \_ He rose, \_ my heart with thanks now

4 G<sup>2</sup> C<sup>sus</sup> C C/B Am Am/G Dm/F

sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, \_ be - lieves \_ God will pro - vide the  
 of - fer - ing. The Lamb, \_ the Lamb, \_ let earth join heav'n His  
 shep - herd kill. So still, \_ His will \_ on our be - half the  
 wretch - ed - ness. He lives, \_ for - gives, \_ He gives me His own  
 o - ver - flows. His song \_ pro - long \_ till ev - 'ry heart to

8 G<sup>2</sup> Am Em F

Lamb of price! \_ Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
 praise to sing. \_  
 law to fill. \_  
 right - eous - ness. \_  
 Him be - long. \_

12 C<sup>2sus</sup> C C/B Dm/A Am Dm G

1, 2, 3, 4. C  
 5. C

own! The Lamb \_ is reign - ing on His \_ throne! 2. The throne!  
 3. The  
 4. He  
 5. He

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**\*GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD**

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in His grace.

C **Amen**

A Let us pray. Merciful Father, accompany our journey through these  
forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for  
those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence,  
and above all that we may find the treasure of forgiveness in the life and  
death of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

**\*DISMISSAL SONG**

*“Freely, Freely”*

*J* = 100

**VERSE**

E (B) C#m7 F#m7 B7 F#m7

1. God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been born a -  
 2. All \_\_\_\_ pow'r is giv'n in Je - sus' name, In \_\_\_\_ earth and

6 B7 (B/A) E/G# B7 E A E/G# F#m7 B/D#

-gain in Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I come to  
 heav'n in Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I come to

**CHORUS**

12 E E (F#m7(4)) E/G# A B<sup>sus</sup> B7 E A/B B7 E

you to share His love as He told me to: He said, "Free - ly  
 you to share His pow'r as He told me to:

18 F#m7 B B7 E

free - ly, you have re - ceived. Free - ly, free - ly give; \_\_\_\_

24 A/B E F#m7

— Go in My name and be - cause you be -

28 B B7 E

-lieve, oth - ers will know that I live." \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*DISMISSAL**

- A Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C Thanks be to God.

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	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
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<b>Lessons for March 30, 2025 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent</b>	<b>First Lesson Psalm Second Lesson Gospel Lesson</b>	<b>Isaiah 12:1-6 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32</b>
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Live-streaming continues at both the 8:00 am and 10:30 am worship services. If you would prefer not to be filmed when you come forward for communion, remain in the pew and communion will be delivered to you.



If you have any questions, please ask an Usher, the Pastor, or any of the church members for assistance. We will be glad to answer as best we can! May God bless and inspire you today! *A Gentle Reminder: Please place all cell phones on vibrate mode during the service.*

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