

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

Nine - Thirty in the Morning
Fullerton, CA



GATHERING

“Let Us Go Now to the Banquet” (523)

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.

The table's set and a place is waiting;
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

1 I will rise in the early morning;
the community's waiting for me.
With a spring in my step I'm walking
with my friends and my family. *Refrain*

2 God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded
so that no one will lack for food. *Refrain*

3 May we build such a place among us
where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together
and to share ev'rything we have. *Refrain*

WELCOME

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
alive in the world,
reviving creation,
arriving soon.

C: **Amen.**

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**

KYRIE - ELW Setting 8

Refrain

*Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way
Kyrie eleison, everyday.*

For peace in the world,
for health of the church,
For the unity of all;
For this holy house,
for all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord. *R*

That we may live out
your impassioned response
to the hungry and the poor;

That we may live out
truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord. *R*

For peace in our hearts,
for peace in our homes,
for friends and family;
For life and for love,
for our work and our play,
Let us pray to the Lord,
let us pray to the Lord. *R*

*For your Spirit to guide;
That you center our lives
In the water and the Word;
That you nourish our souls
With your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Let us pray to the Lord. R*

MUSIC

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" (ELW 860)

1 I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,
singin' Glory, Hosanna, Jesus lifted me!

2 Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me,
singin' Glory, Hosanna, Jesus lifted me!

3 When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singin' Glory, Hosanna, Jesus lifted me!

4 When I was a sinner, Jesus lifted me.
When I was a sinner, Jesus lifted me.
When I was a sinner, Jesus lifted me,
singin' Glory, Hosanna, Jesus lifted me!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship[a] is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation[b] that it may be conformed to the body of his glory,[c] by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

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¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 27

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold[a] of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

C: **When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.**

L: Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

C: **One thing I asked of the Lord;
this I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.**

L: For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

C: **Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

L: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

**C: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, do I seek.**

L: Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

**C: If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.**

L: Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

**C: Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.**

L: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

**C: Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!**

L: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

MUSIC

"Have No Fear, Little Flock" (764)

1. Have no fear, little flock
Have no fear, little flock
For the Father has chosen
To give you the kingdom
Have no fear little flock
2. Have good cheer little flock
Have good cheer little flock
For the Father will keep you
In his love forever
Have good cheer little flock
3. Praise the Lord high above
Praise the Lord high above
For the stoops down to heal you
Uplift and restore you
Praise the Lord high above
4. Thankful hearts raise to God

Praise the Lord high above
For he stays close beside you
In all things works with you
Thankful hearts raise to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13: 31-35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me,[a] 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet 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. ³⁴Jerusalem, 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! ³⁵See, 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.' "

L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Intern Pastor, Perla Flores

MUSIC

"My Song Is Love Unknown" (343)

1 My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

2 He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own
would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend,
my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

5 If life no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.
What may i say? Heav'n was his home
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing --
no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days would gladly spend!

LENTEN CREED

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognises our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.

Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

L: Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need (especially). May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy,

C: **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us (especially). Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example. God, in your mercy,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C: **Amen.**

PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

“Take My Life, That I May Be” (685)

Refrain:

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

1 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. [Refrain]

2 Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. [Refrain]

3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. [Refrain]

4 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. [Refrain]

OFFERING PRAYER

L: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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.**

PREFACE

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

MUSIC

"One More Day" By Sons of Sunday

I'm a sinner grace is still healing
I'm a story time is revealing
I'm all of these things
But mostly, I'm thankful
Yes I am

I'm a fighter caught in a struggle
A survivor rising above it
I'm all of these things
But mostly, I'm thankful

[Chorus]

'Cause You gave me one more day
To say I love You
You have brought me all this way
To testify of grace
What more can I say

But
Thank You Jesus
Thank You Jesus
Thank You Jesus

When the night was closing in on me
Didn't know if I'd see the morning
You held on to me
And Jesus, I'm grateful, yeah

When my enemies turned up the fire
El Shaddai, You were right there beside me
You showed up for me
And Jesus, I'm grateful

**'Cause You gave me one more day
To say I love You, oh God
You have brought me all this way
To testify of grace
What more can I say**

But

**Thank You, Jesus
Thank You, Jesus
Thank You, Jesus**

'Cause You gave me one more day
One more day
Yeah, You gave me one more day
One more day

MUSIC

"Taste and See" (493)

Refrain

**Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
O taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall always be on my lips; my soul shall glory in
the Lord
for he has been so good to me. *Refrain*

2. Glorify the Lord with me.

Together let us all praise his name.

I called the Lord and he answered me; from all my troubles he set me free. *Refrain*

3. Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask. Taste and see that God
is good;
in him we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray.
Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

"Blessed Be Your Name" By Matt Redman

Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name X2

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

