

# Third Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2011



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*"Building a House Where All Are Welcome"*

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Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a ONE congregation,  
committed to the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger.  
The ONE initiative is an expression of our mission statement in action.  
To learn more about ONE see [www.one.org](http://www.one.org)

**Sunday Worship – 8:30 & 11:00 am**  
**Church Office – (314) 352-8050; Fax – (314) 352-8051**  
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*Welcome to worship! During Lent, we focus on “Questions on the Journey to Easter.” Today’s question: How do I go forward given my past?  
We ask all members, guests, and visitors to please fill out the blue card in your worship folder and place it in the offering plate.*

*\*Childcare is available for children up to age 4 in the Nursery on the Lower Level.*

## **CHURCH STAFF**

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**Messenger news** – call the church office or e-mail information to [glc-messenger@swbell.net](mailto:glc-messenger@swbell.net) .

**Prayer List** – call the church office at 314-352-8050

**With One Voice, Setting Five – Bread of Life**  
[Red] = *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Worship Book)*

## GATHERING

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**PRELUDE:** Angel Wings Bell Choir *Let All Things Now Living* arr. Cathy Moglebust

*Stand*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the well of eternal life, the light of the world, the breath giving life to dry bones.

**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**we confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Forgive us and give us strength to turn from sin and to serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

### **THE PEACE**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Peace be with you.**

### **WELCOME & COMMUNITY LIFE**

*Stand*

**OPENING HYMN: “Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty” vs. 1-4** No. 777[Red]

### **GREETING**

The free gift of grace in Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God, and the life and peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son:    Ⓞ Christ, have mer - cy.  
Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

*Sit*

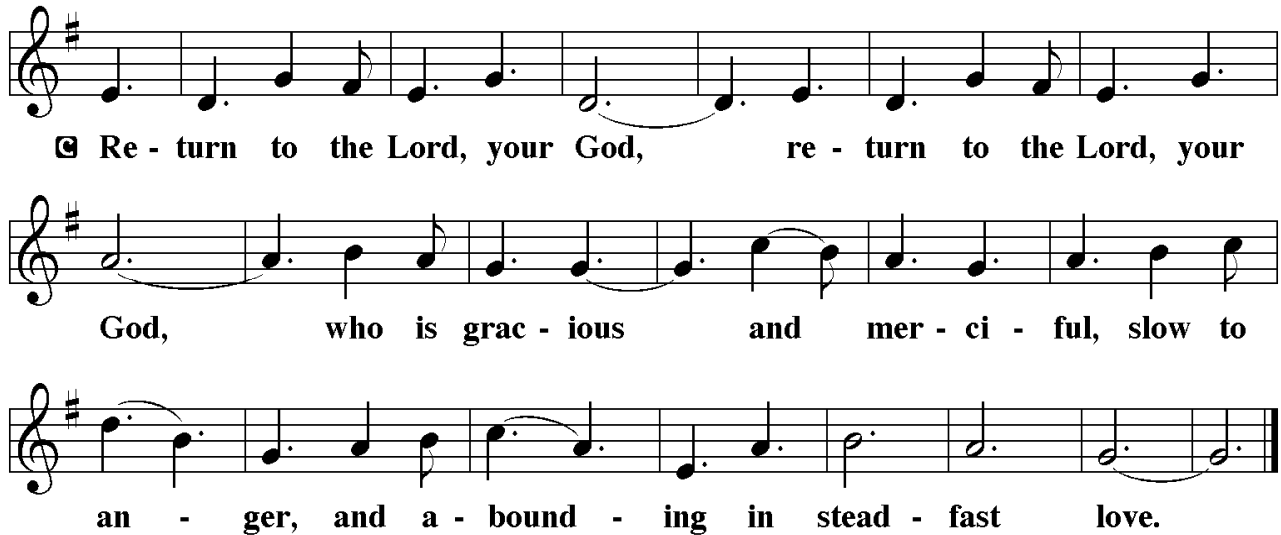
## WORD

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### FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

*Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put the Lord to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to the Lord. The Lord commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the Lord among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

*Stand***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**


Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your  
 God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to  
 an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter:C **Glory to you, O Lord.****GOSPEL: John 4:5-42***Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

<sup>5</sup>So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where

people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." <sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him. <sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." <sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

*Sit*

**SERMON:** *How do I go forward given my past?*

*Stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"** (Tune: *Kingsfold*)

No. 332 [Red]

**THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **THE PRAYERS**

As we return to the waters of baptism during this season of Lent, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the church around the globe; for denominations with which we are in full communion; for pastors, other rostered leaders, musicians, and lay ministers; for all thirsty for your word. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for living water; for deep wells and safe sewer systems; for acid-free rain and oil-free oceans; for clean and abundant drinking water for every human being. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those nations who are now at war; for refugees and all who suffer from post-traumatic stress; for international peacemakers and relief workers. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are homeless and outcast; for those suffering from malaria or HIV/AIDS; for those with mental or physical disabilities; and for all those in need of prayers, especially Cheryl, Rich, Werner, Don, Damien, Justin, Vicki, Virgie, Lillie, Elizabeth, Joann, Dell, John, Wilma, Sheila, Fred, and all those we name before you now in the silence of our hearts or spoken from our lips.....God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those preparing for baptism; for members who cannot be here today; for all who are quarreling with one another. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You know everything we have ever done, and still you love us. We thank you for giving us hope in the communion of saints, who drink from the rock that is Christ. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## MEAL

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### MUSICAL OFFERING:

8:30am *Meditation on Rhosymedre*


J. Behnke

11:00am Choir *Living Water, Guiding Spirit*

Joseph M. Martin

*Stand*

### OFFERTORY RESPONSE:



☞ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.

C **Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

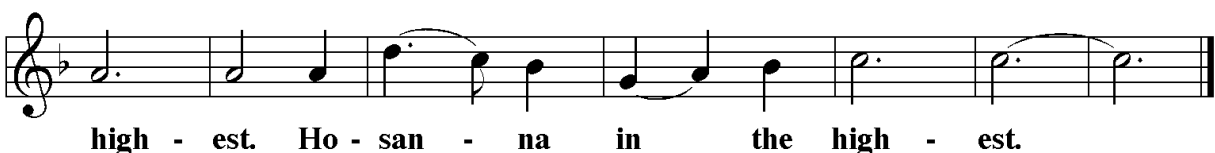
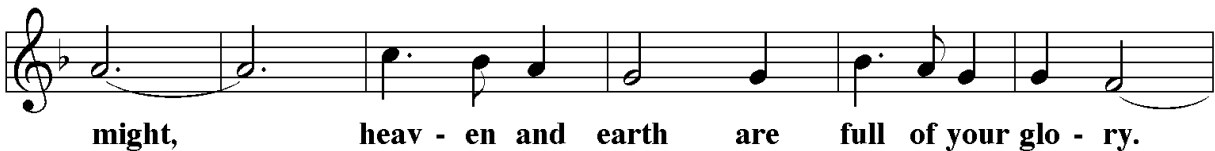
P Lift up your hearts.

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, 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:



## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

## THE 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**

*Sit*

## COMMUNION

*(The Communion Table is Christ's table. All baptized Christians who believe Jesus Christ is really present for the forgiveness of sins are welcome! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive wine from either the Common Cup or individual glasses. Grape juice is also available in individual glasses.)*

## MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

### "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, grant us peace.**

**"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"**

**No. 335[Red]**

**"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"**

**No. 623 [Red]**

*Stand*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
C **Amen**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

AM Let us pray. Merciful God, 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 our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

## **SENDING**

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### **BLESSING**

P The blessed, holy Trinity keep you in grace, lead you in light, and + give you peace.

C **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”** **No. 618 [Red]**

### **DISMISSAL:**

AM Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** *Toccatina in A Minor*

L. Smith

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**We invite all members, guests and visitors to join us  
for coffee and doughnuts between services  
in the Walter Eckman Fellowship Hall downstairs!**

### **Lenten Mid-week Wednesdays:**

6:00pm Soup Supper (this week hosted by the Choir and Sunday School)

7:00pm Evening Prayer: *Blest Are They—The Beatitudes*. This year, we are using the Gospel of Matthew, which includes the Beatitudes in the Sermon on the Mount, in our Lectionary. These blessings and qualities of self-acceptance, empathy, gentleness, spirituality, sensitivity, transparency, peacemaking, and endurance will shape our Lenten prayer.

**Friday Fish for Lent:** This year, we're inviting you to consider one form of "Lenten fast" by going "meatless" one day a week. We can support one another and our neighbors by going together to local fish fries on Friday evenings at 6pm. **Friday, April 1 – St. Cecilia's.**

**Note: we will meet earlier, at 5pm, because of the crowds.**

**This morning: RIC Welcoming Statement Forum.** The first draft of a possible Welcoming Statement for Gethsemane, which would include language that would enable Gethsemane to become a Reconciling in Christ congregation, was developed at an open meeting of interested parties today, Sunday, February 28th. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring your suggestions and comments.

### **VOLUNTEER WISH LIST:**

Landscape Designers: 3 people willing to plan for the yard space near the new parking lot entrance.

Cleaners: someone willing to wipe down benches in atrium and hallways, and see that cushions are cleaned.

Yard work: persons willing to pick up branches and leaves in church yard as a spring clean-up.

Planters: persons willing to plant flowers around the church sign and in planters for Palm Sunday/Easter.

Painting: someone willing to paint the wall outside of the kitchen and that portion of the downstairs hallway.

Contact the church office if the Spirit moves you to help in any of these ways!

**The next blood drive** is Sunday April 10th. The Red Cross blood mobile will be parked in front of the church from 8:00am-1:00pm. If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment, please contact Mary Jane Thomsen at 218-213-4313 or email at [maryjanethomsen@hotmail.com](mailto:maryjanethomsen@hotmail.com)

**A special Senior Health Care Issue of rsvp Health magazine** is available courtesy of Lutheran Senior Services. Pick up your free copy located throughout the building.

**See what's happening with other Lutherans** in St. Louis. Check out the spring newsletter of "The Metro-Link" at [www.elca-metrocoalition.org/metrolink.htm](http://www.elca-metrocoalition.org/metrolink.htm). Facebook group "Lutherans around St. Louis" or Twitter "StLouisLutheran."

**The music director and organist at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church** in South County would like to invite you to join them for their annual **Hymn Festival on April 3rd at 3:00pm**. This year, they are celebrating the 25th dedication anniversary of their sanctuary and pipe organ. Dr. John Behnke, Professor of Music at Concordia University Wisconsin, will be the featured organist. There will be a massed choir (including Gethsemane choir members), handbells, brass, and congregational singing, along with some solo organ pieces played by Dr. Behnke. There is no cost to attend, and a free-will offering will be collected for the benefit of future hymn festivals as well as covering of expenses for this year's program.

**TRIVIA NIGHT:** The Wilkinson Early Childhood Center is hosting their annual trivia night on Saturday, April 2, 7pm at Sts Peter and Paul Parish Hall in Soulard. The early bird price (\$120 for table of 8) is good until March 25 - then it goes to \$160. Beer and light snacks included. Please contact Ami Boehlje, 752-4145 or boehlje@sbcglobal.net to register. Your support of this awesome city public school is much appreciated!

**The next OWLS meeting** will be March 29th at Laclede Groves Senior Living Community, 723 S. Laclede Station Rd. 11:30am-Fellowship/Devotion, 12:00-Lunch, 12:45pm-Presentation by Ron and Maggie Hilmer, 1:15pm-Networking. Please call the LSS office on or before March 24th to let them know how many are coming. The cost for lunch is \$8.00

**CHADS Annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction** will be held Saturday, April 16th, 7:00pm at the Crestwood Elks Club. For more information visit [www.chadscoalition.org](http://www.chadscoalition.org)

**“For the Bible Tells Me So,”** the DVD shown as part of our Reconciling in Christ dialogue, is available for you to borrow. Please see Pastor Kendra to sign out Gethsemane’s copy of this important witness to our conversations.

**The paper recycling dumpster** has been removed. Due to the addition to the building and reconfiguration of the parking area, the dumpster was sitting too close to the building and taking up a parking space. We are currently in contact with our alderman to arrange for the placement of a new city sponsored recycling dumpster, which is smaller, at our end of the alley.

**Attention parents and grandparents in St. Louis County.** If you know of a child who is having problems with friends, school or behavior (age 19 or younger) and lives in St. Louis County, LFCS can provide counseling services to the family at no cost. This investment in our children is in thanks to the St. Louis County Children’s Service Fund. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 314-787-5100.

**During the Easter season,** it is encouraging to see both new and familiar faces at our worship services. Throughout the year, many of you already support the congregation with your time, talent and financial contributions but greater participation is always welcome. We encourage you to look into our electronic giving program. It’s convenient for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for the church. Please contact the church office for details.



4/3 Sunday	8:30am & 11:00am	Worship Services
	9:50am	Sunday School
	1:30pm-2:30pm	First Communion Class
	3:00pm	Hymn Fest at Holy Trinity

### **A Prayer for Those Who Journey**

As we journey through life, we face fear of the unknown, doubts, hesitations, anxieties, and insecurities: *Draw near, O God, draw near!*

Life is an unfolding mystery, sometimes a painful search and sometimes a wonderful discovery. When our hearts are restless because they are pilgrim hearts whose Home is not here: *Draw near, O God, draw near!*

When our footsteps grow weary, when we stumble along the way, discouragement and doubt so easily come forth to greet us: *Draw near, O God, draw near!*

We are always learning what to leave behind and what to take with us as we move along the road of life. As we struggle to make good decisions: *Draw near, O God, draw near!*

We encounter you, God, continually in the constant cycle of setting out and coming home. Sometimes we allow life to be so busy as we travel that we miss your presence. When we need to slow our hectic pace: *Draw near, O God, draw near!*

Expectancy, anticipation, and courage rise up in our beings when we are open to your ways, God of the wilderness. As we search for reasons to hope: *Draw near, O God, draw near!*

In our journeying, we need a strong conviction about the beauty and goodness of life, a vision of hope that endures the pain and struggle, and a thread of love that weaves through all of our dreams. When we try to hold on to what gives our life meaning and purpose: *Draw near, O God, draw near!*

(Rupp, Joyce. *Out of the Ordinary*. Notre Dame, IN: Ave Maria Press, 2000, 226)