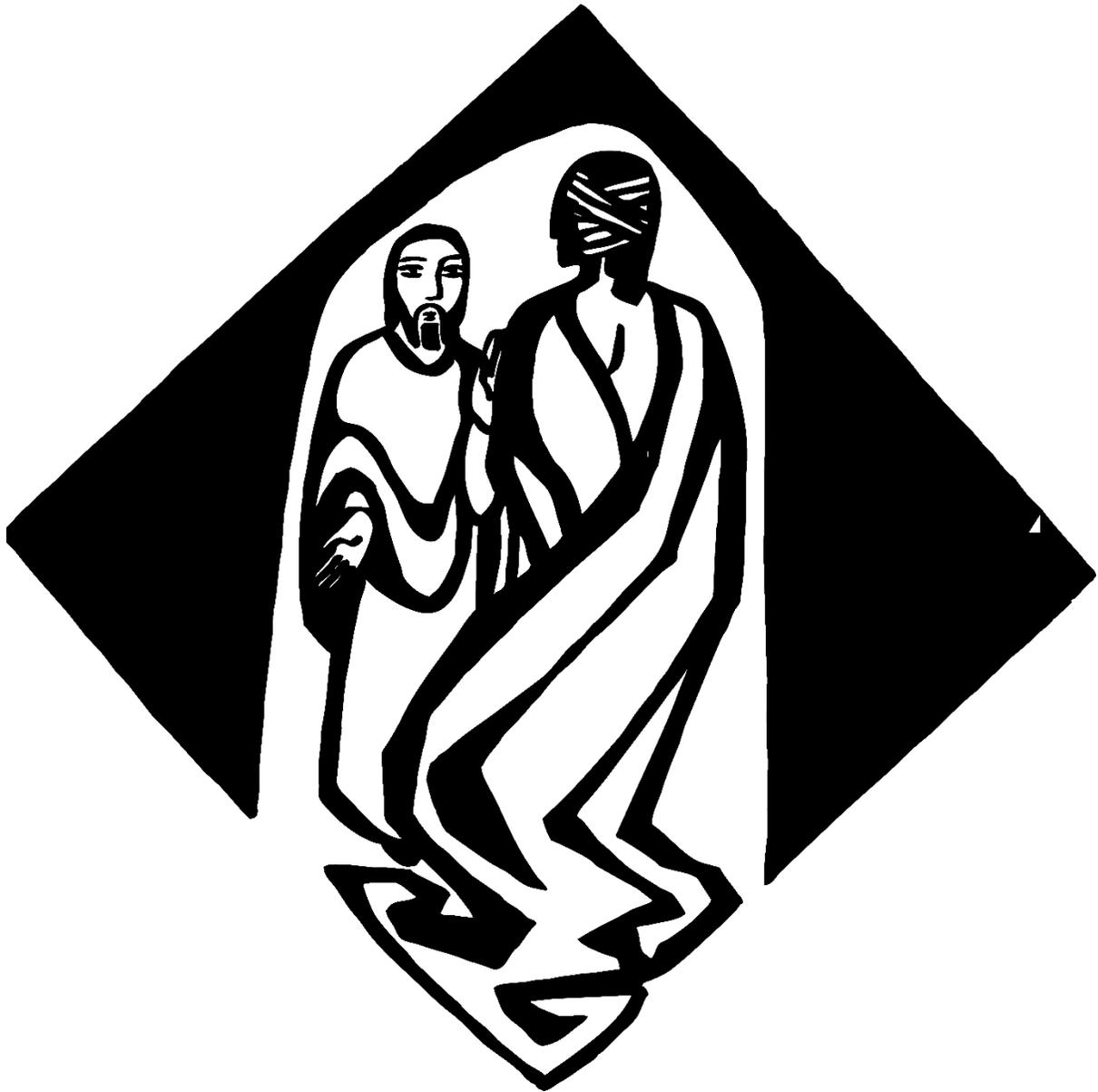


Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026



Gethsemane Lutheran Church

3600 Hampton - St. Louis, MO 63109

Worship God, welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.

Welcome to worship! We're delighted you are here!



Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* Congregation. **You are welcome here.**



We ask all members, guests, and visitors to please fill out the **attendance slip** in your worship folder and place it in the offering plate.



Please **silence** phones and other devices during the worship service. Sharing that you're at Gethsemane on social media is encouraged! "Check in" using hashtag: #glcstlCheckIn.



The presence, energy, and noise of **children** are always welcome in worship at Gethsemane. The sound of a child in worship is music to our ears. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. Additional space to move and Wiggle Bags are located in the narthex entry area.



Postures are a way in which we engage the body in worship. These movements (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are optional; please engage in them only as you are comfortable or able.



Holy Communion is offered to all who seek the presence of Christ. This is a welcome table.



Gethsemane Lutheran Church wishes to **acknowledge** and **honor** the Osage, Quapaw, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówiŋ, Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place—this land—and call it their home.

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ELW Holy Communion Setting Ten

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

GATHERING

PRELUDE: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

by Lowell Mason
Performed by Yeats Wolfsberger

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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 disdaining 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.

GATHERING SONG: *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*

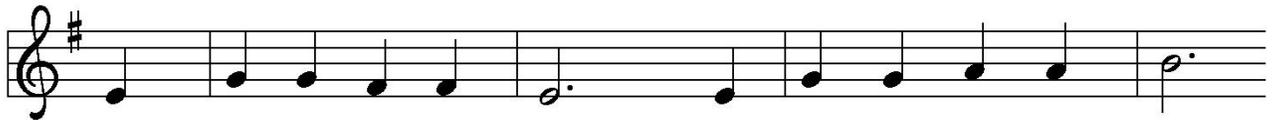
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GREETING:

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



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The congregation is seated.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the Lord."

¹ The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: PSALM 130

A cantor will lead the singing of the Psalm with the congregation singing the bolded lines.

¹ Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O Lord;

² **O Lord, | hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.

³ If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O Lord, | who could stand?

⁴ **Yet with you | is forgiveness,**

in order that you | may be feared.

⁵ I wait for you, O Lord; | my soul waits;

in your word | is my hope.

⁶ **My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,
more than those who keep watch | for the morning.**

⁷ O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is | steadfast love;
with the Lord there is plen- | teous redemption.

⁸ **For the Lord shall | redeem Israel
from | all their sins.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:6-11

For Paul, Christian spirituality entails living in the reality of the Holy Spirit. The driving force behind our actions and values is not our sinful desire for self-satisfaction but the very Spirit by which God raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead.

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

LENTEN VERSE



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter:

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-45

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is

for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸ The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth

and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵ Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Come and See*

See Insert

THE APOSTLE’S CREED

P: Let us join together in proclaiming our faith:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AM: Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

(A brief silence.)

AM: . . . Hear us, O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always!

C: And also with you.

P: Let us greet one another with a sign of this spirit-filled peace, respecting the boundaries and honoring the consent of our neighbors.

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

The congregation is seated.

MEAL

THE OFFERING: *The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

MUSICAL OFFERING: *You Do Not Walk Alone*

Elaine Hagenberg

The congregation rises in body or spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

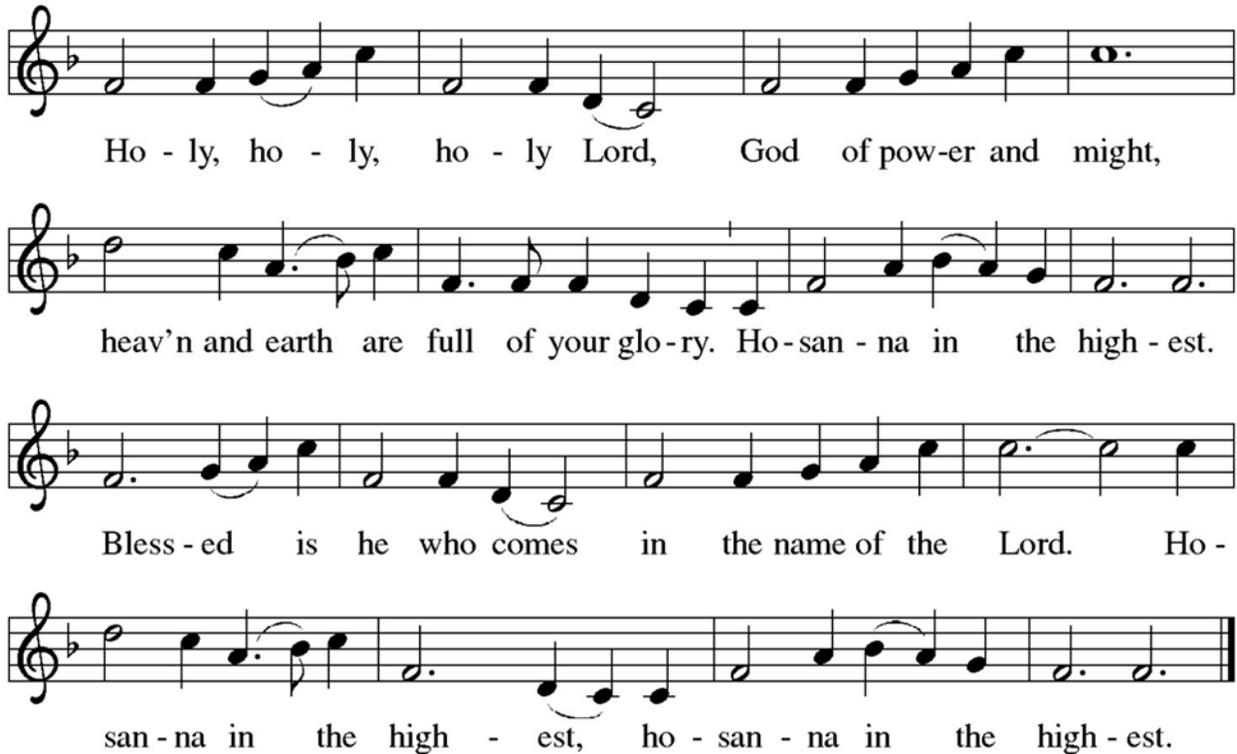
P: Lift up your hearts.

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,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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.**

COMMUNION

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

The congregation is seated.

All who seek the Lord are welcome at Christ's table to receive the gift of God's grace! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Christ is the Life

See Insert

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (Verses 1-3 and Lent 5)

HYMN# 334

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

C: Amen

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Let us pray. God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After making this time to worship God, these are ways we welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

BLESSING

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

HYMN# 763

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *How Can I Keep From Singing?*

By Robert Lowry, Arr. John Carter

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(No flowers during Lent.)

| WORSHIP LEADERS | | |
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| PRESIDER | Rev. Cheryl Walenta Gorvie | |
| GREETER | Betsy Bartholomew | Keith Paulson |
| USHERS | Cayce Morice Carleen Reinhardt | Nancy Luebke |
| ASSISTING MINISTER | T. Edwards Breed | Angie Fulton |
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| CANTOR | T. Edwards Breed | T. Edwards Breed |
| INSTRUMENTALIST | Yeats Wolfsberger (organ) | |
| CHILDREN'S SERMON | Pastor Cheryl | |
| ALTAR GUILD | Olson - Fulton | |
| DONUT DRIVER | Jack and Lois Wind | |
| FELLOWSHIP HOST | <i>needed</i> | |
| CAMERA | Gretchen Jenson | |
| WINE SPONSOR | Carleen Reinhardt | |

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Neil Gustafson:** comfort and peace
- Kate Hartz:** courage and trust
- Barb Johnson:** healing and strength
- Fred Lenhart:** comfort and peace
- Margaret Lenhart:** comfort and peace
- Marilyn McGuire:** healing from cancer
- Dell Roth:** healing and strength
- Sharon Salerno:** healing and strength
- Aria Thomé:** for her ongoing health challenges

| Request for: | <i>On Behalf of:</i> |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Jim B. (healing) | <i>Jean Chouquette</i> |
| My Aunt Onie (strength) as she navigates breast cancer diagnosis | <i>Natalie Traylor Fontana</i> |
| Sister-in-law, Chris Austin (healing) | <i>Suzanne Hirth</i> |
| Mom and Dad; Melissa (employment); Bridgette (healing after surgery); Farmers of the World | <i>Cat Leonard</i> |
| The people of Gaza and the Occupied Territories of Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Ukraine, Sudan, Myanmar, Cambodia and Venezuela; Pat Fulton (healing, strength); Ginny Olson (strength and healing); Sister Marie Orf; Jojo (encouragement); those who do not feel safe in their communities; all impacted by disasters; for peace with justice in our world. | <i>Maryn Olson and Angie Fulton</i> |

HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER
 MIDWEEK WORSHIP | MARCH 25TH
5:30PM
 In person and Online



the good news is...
 rooted in justice, mercy,
 & faithfulness

LIVING YOUR FAITH

GIVE

Little Free Pantry Items needed include **cereal** and **canned vegetables**. We are also collecting small condiment packages and/or utensil packs. Clean out your drawers!

The March Big Ask for Isaiah 58 and St. Anthony's is shampoo, razors and shaving cream. Place donation items in the cabinet located in the hallway leading to the Narthex.

Easter Flowers Order Form: Help us decorate the altar for Easter by sponsoring spring flowers! Each flowering plant is \$20. **All forms, paper or online, must be complete by Palm Sunday, March 29.**

ACT

Volunteer! Can you stay after 11 am Worship today? We are asking for help taking the food collected at yesterday's food drive downstairs to the Food Pantry Room.

Did you know? Our janitorial contract does NOT include cleaning the sanctuary each week, which is why we gather together twice each year (spring and fall) to do a deep clean of the sanctuary and other odd jobs. **Spring Church Clean-up Day!** Coming up **Sat, March 28**, 9 am – 2 pm. Mark your calendars. Many hands make light work.

Spread kindness! Blessing bags are in the Narthex - take and share with those in need.

Share your voice! Send April newsletter items to Gretchen by March 24.

JOIN

The **Worship and Music Committee** will meet **TODAY**, March 22, after late Worship.

The next **GLC Women's Luncheon** will be held **tomorrow**, Monday, March 23 at 11:30 am at the Three Kings Public House in Ronnie's Plaza. RSVP to Angie Fulton.

The **LGBTQ+Faith Alliance** is meeting at Gethsemane Mon. 3/23 at 6 pm. The guest speaker will be Beth Gombos (they/them), executive director of Trans Housing Initiative of St. Louis (THISTL), an organization that empowers and advocates for trans and gender-expansive humans' right to safe and equitable housing

Enjoy a **light supper** between Worship and Choir Practice (6-6:30 pm) this Wed. 3/25.

VBS Volunteers will meet next week, **March 29 after the single 9:30 am Worship**. If your volunteer role doesn't require any pre-planning (snack helper, group guide, etc.,) you do *not* need to attend this meeting, but are welcome to.

Sign-ups for **Vacation Bible School** are on Gethsemane's website and in the weekly eNews! We need volunteers and campers! July 6-10, 9 am-12:30 pm or 9 am-5 pm.

Easter Vigil Worship on Saturday, April 4, will be held at 2 area congregations:

- **Unity** Lutheran at 8454 Glen Echo Dr., Bel-Nor, MO 63121 at 7:00 PM.
- **Bethel** Lutheran at 7001 Forsyth Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63105 at 8:12 PM. (after nightfall.) A reception follows at 10:30 p.m.

Summer 2027 is the next **ELCA Youth Gathering** in Minneapolis, MN. Our Youth are kicking off their fundraising efforts by hosting a **Yogurt Parfait Buffet Easter breakfast** between services on April 5. A suggested donation is \$15, but all are welcome.

**Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar
March 22 – 29, 2026**

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| 3/22/26 Sunday | 8:30 am 9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am | Worship: In-Person and Livestream Fellowship hour Sunday School / Confirmation Worship: In-Person |
| 3/23/26 Monday | 11:30 am 6:00 pm 6 – 7:30 pm | Women’s Luncheon at Three Kings Public House Handbell Choir Rehearsal LGBTQ+ Faith Alliance Meeting at Gethsemane |
| 3/24/26 Tuesday | 10 am 6:30 pm | Bible Study Church Council Meeting |
| 3/25/26 Wed. | 1:30–3:00 pm 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm | Office Staff Meeting (phones unanswered) Midweek Lenten Worship – Holden Evening Prayer Light supper in the fellowship hall Choir Rehearsal |
| 3/28/26 Saturday | 9 am – 2 pm | Spring Church Clean Up Day, All hands needed! |
| Palm Sunday 5th Sunday 3/29/26 Sunday | 9:30 am 10:45 am-ish | One Worship: In-Person and Livestream <i>No Sunday School / Confirmation / Fellowship</i> Easter Flower orders due today VBS Volunteer meeting in Fellowship Hall |

Upcoming Dates to Consider

| Date | Time | Event |
|----------------|---|--|
| Mondays | 6:00 pm | Handbell Choir Rehearsal |
| Tuesdays | 10:00 am | Bible Study |
| Wednesdays | 5:30 – 6 pm 6-6:30 pm 6:30 – 8 pm | Lent Midweek Worship, Holden Evening Prayer Simple supper and fellowship (if host available) Choir Rehearsal |
| Th, F, Apr 2,3 | 7 pm | Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Worship |
| Sat, April 4 | 7 pm or 8:12 pm | Easter Vigil Worship at Unity Lutheran (7 pm) or Bethel Lutheran (8:12 pm) |
| Sun, April 5 | 8:30 and 11 am | Easter Sunday, Easter Breakfast to benefit Youth Gathering and Egg Hunt between services |
| Mon, April 13 | 1-5 pm | Red Cross Blood Drive at Gethsemane |

Blood Pressure (BP): First Sunday of each month in the fellowship hall.
Women’s Luncheon: Fourth Monday of every month. *Except for Holidays.

Gethsemane is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation Affirmation of Welcome

Christ's welcome knows no boundaries! Therefore, our welcome knows no boundaries, and we invite all people to full participation in the life of the congregation.

We at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Saint Louis embrace...

People of any race or ethnicity...

People who are male, female, transgender, intersex or any other gender identity...

People of any age...

People wherever they are, or wherever they have been, on their faith journeys...

People who are single, married, widowed, divorced, separated or partnered...

People who are gay, lesbian, straight, bisexual, or any other sexual orientation...

People with a variety of political perspectives...

People who have, or had, addictions, phobias, abortions, or a criminal record...

People who are homeowners, renters, living with parents, or homeless...

People who are fully-abled, disabled, or of differing abilities...

People of differing educational backgrounds...

People of any socio-economic condition...

People not mentioned above, all of whom are created and loved by God!

As we celebrate and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation, we pledge to ourselves and to all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. We are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith.

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"You shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and have you rise from them."



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