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*THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST*



**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**March 20th, 2022
9:00 am**

**Pastor Becky Sogge**

**Organist/Pianist:** Delores Knudson

**Acolyte:**

**Lay Reader:**

**Special Music:** Rich Selvig

**Sound/Video:** Hayden Moore, Mark Willand

**Counters:** Randy & Laure Buehrer, Steph Perkins

### Prelude - Delores Knudson

### Welcome – Announcements

**Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, **we confess that we have wandered far from you:** **we have not trusted your promises,** **we have ignored your prophets in our own day,** **we have squandered our inheritance of grace,** **we have failed to recognize you in our midst.** **Have mercy on us!** **Forgive us and turn us again to you.** **Teach us to follow in your ways,** **assure us again of your love,** **and help us to love our neighbor.** **Amen.**

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

**Opening Hymn** *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* ELW 319

**Greeting p. 138**

**Kyrie p. 138**

**Hymn of Praise…**Glory to God **p. 140**

### Prayer of the Day

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

**Special Music** *Great is Thy Faithfulness -*Rich Selvig

### First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

1Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 5See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

6Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 7let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. 9For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

### Psalm Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,** **that I might behold your power and your glory.**

For your steadfast love is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

**So will I bless you as long as I live** **and lift up my hands in your name.**

My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**when I remember you upon my bed,** **and meditate on you in the night watches.**

For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**My whole being clings to you;** **your right hand | holds me fast.**

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

1I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3and all ate the same spiritual food, 4and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. 5Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.
 6Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. 7Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” 8We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. 10And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. 13No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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**Lenten Response…**Return to the Lord **p. 142**

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

1At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.2[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?3No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”
 6Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ 8He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon**

### Sermon *Pastor Becky Sogge*

### Hymn of the Day *O Living Bread from Heavan* ELW 542

### Apostles’ Creed p. 105

### Prayers of Intercession

### Merciful God, receive our prayers.

### Offering

### *You are invited to place your offering in the plates or electronically through Vanco*

### Offering Prayer

### Great Thanksgiving p. 144

### Lord’s Prayer p. 145

### Invitation to Communion

### Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

### Lamb of God ELW 336

### Blessing and Prayer

### Benediction

**Closing Hymn** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*ELW 335

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude - Delores Knudson

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| **Weekly Calendar** |
| Sunday, March 20 |  9:00 am | Worship Service with H.C. |
|  |  6:30 pm | J.H. Youth |
| Tuesday, March 22 | 11:00 am | Staff Meeting |
|  |  7:00 pm | AA-Al-Anon |
| Wednesday, March 23 | Noon | Holden Service- Chapel |
|  |  6:00 pm | Inspire Service |
|  |  7:00 pm  | SH. Youth |
| Thursday, March 24 |  8:30 am | Quilting |
|  |  9:00 am | Prayer Group |
|  |  6:30 pm | Taekwondo |
|  |  7:00 pm | Pub Theology |
| Sunday, March 27 |  9:00 am | Worship Service with H.C. |
|  | 10:10 am | Sunday School |
|  |  6:30 pm | J.H. Youth |

Announcements

**There are Easter donation forms and Easter lily forms** on the table in the Narthex. Please read the suggested funds on the back of the Easter donation form to see where your money could best be designated.

**Quilt Auction!** There is a lovely and colorful quilt for auction outside the sanctuary. All proceeds will go to the Property Fund.

**The Property Fund** is looking for donations to replace the garage door at the parsonage as it needs an upgrade.

**There will be NO Sunday School** on March 20th.

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| **Sunday Attendance and Giving** |
| **Date** | **Attendance** | **Giving** |
| March 13 | 33 | $1,575.00 |
| March 6 | 123 |  |
| February 27 | 136 | $1,744.05 |
| February 20 | 112 | $1,066.00 |

**Mission Project for March**

**Lutheran Services of Iowa**

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| **INSPIRE Attendance**  |
| **Date** | **Attendance** |
| March 9 |  73 |
| February 23 |  85 |
| February 9 |  109 |
| January 26 |  91 |