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Third Sunday of Lent

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Welcome! Your presence here is a gift to God and to others this morning.

We have committed as a church to pray for all those in our community who are living in the darkness of addiction. We have lit a candle in the front of the sanctuary as we pray for the light of Christ to break into their lives. Before worship begins, you are invited to light a candle for a friend or family member for whom you are praying.

Welcome/Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the Sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. **Amen**

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. **Amen**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie – “Lord, Have Mercy”

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Hymn of Praise - “All Glory be to God”

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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**

Choir

Isaiah 55: 1-9

Reader: David Grice

Ho, 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. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline 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. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, 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.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let 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.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

The Gospel - Luke 13: 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or 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? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then 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. So 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?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If 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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Change My Heart, O God" #801

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church; to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of Intercession

*Each petition will end with "Lord, in your mercy,"
the congregation responds with "hear our prayer."*

Offering: *There is a basket at the back of the Sanctuary. You may also make your offerings online on our website: americanlutheranchurch.net or mail them to the church — PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156*

The Great Thanksgiving

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'Holy, Holy, Holy'

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Words of Institution

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Christ had died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again

Lord's Prayer

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. 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.

Invitation to Communion - *All are welcome at the Lord's Table. This is God's gift, God's grace, God's life — given freely in love for you. Grape juice and gluten, soy, dairy and corn-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you at your seat, please let the usher know.*

"Lamb of God"

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Communion Hymns: 324, 461, 471

Blessing

Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

#789

- 1) Savior like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
- 2) We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
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- 3) You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
- 4) Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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Masks are optional, but we recognize that COVID is still a reality and a concern for many who are vulnerable. Please wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all. Thank you so much!

This Week

Monday	10 am	Bible Study. All are welcome!
	Noon	Al-anon
Tuesday	10 am	Quilting
Wednesday	5:45	Soup Supper
	6:30	Lenten Service
	7pm	Choir
Sunday	10 am	Worship

Remember in Prayer: Clara Wilner, Carla Thorson, Cyndy Akre Grady (Peggy Smith's sister), Jim Pletsch, Gladys Gerow, Susan Fox, Sandy Loskill, Christian Britton's daughter, Annika and his family, Val Urvat, Shelly Hendrickson's family (Liessa Thorsen's friend), Elanie Faires, Judy Bell, Merle Simons (at the request of the Graffs), Stephanie Wasserman (Marva's daughter), Nathaniel and Dan (at the request of Terry Zakar), Ronny Vasquez Sr (at the request of the Graffs), Chris Vullo (at the request of Judy Bell), Della Grice and family, Val Samson, Imo and Mike Jones, Pastor Matt Goodrich, Nakia Salazar and his daughter Gabriella, Dawn Morey, Kapple family, Erin, CC and baby Patrick, Shae Courtney (Son-in-Law of the Lewis') and baby Norah Courtney, Colleen (friend of Dawn Morey), Ed & Lynda Heckman, Carlene Connely, Judy Schoesler, Nancy Thome, Dick Bockemuehl, Becky Anderson (former Pastor of UCC), Sandy Rock (Joy Peralta's sister-in-law), Billie Goodno, Jean Oxreider, Joy Peralta, Dewey Moore (Cindy Robertson's dad), Joel Robertson, Scone Bender, Carol Rock, Annika Hughes, Dorothy Funden.

Announcements:

Monthly Giving Update: Our monthly giving goal for our 2025 budget is \$17,083.33. Thanks to you all for your generous giving we received \$18,738.78 for January, exceeding our goal.

Lutherhaven Summer Camp: Campership funds available for summer camp at Lutherhaven. Please contact Terry Zakar.

Anna's Circle: We will be meeting upstairs until the weather gets warmer.

Tax Information: For taxpayers over 70 ½ who do not itemize, there is a key planning opportunity to get an additional benefit for donations to charity. You can make donations to the same charities you donate to now through your IRA. The IRA funds then become non-taxable to you. These donations also count toward your annual required minimum distribution from your IRA once you reach 70 ½. This is a huge opportunity to maximize the higher standard deduction and also deduct your charitable donations at the same time".

This is done through your investment adviser.

If you have any questions please give me a call or email me. Vicki Richter vickidrichter@hotmail.com

Please sign up for Coffee Hour (apologies for not posting a new sheet in a timely manner)

Building Use: We have a new Building Use Agreement and fee schedule. If you are planning an event at the church please fill out the use agreement when booking your space/time.

Reminder: Please deposit prayer request slips in the Offering basket (so they make it to the office).

Reminder: Please don't forget to set the alarm before leaving the church. If you do not have a code please text/call Lauretta 509-447-3440

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