

First
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ELCA

Third Sunday in Lent



March 03, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Добро пожаловать! Witam Cię Bem-vinda أهلاً وسهلاً
 ברוך הבא Bienvenue Tere tulemast خوش آمدید Bienvenido
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 Hoş geldiniz Tere tulõmast Välkommen Ласкаво просимо Velkommen Zoo siab txais tos!
 Soo dhowow فارشي نالمنز Ласкаво просимо 환영합니다

At First Evangelical Lutheran all are welcome here – disciples and doubters, sinners and saints, wanderers and wonderers, young and young at heart, insiders and outsiders – all of God’s children are welcome in this community as we **worship** together, **learn** together, **serve** together, **pray** together and **play** together seeking to follow Jesus in our daily lives. We are blessed by your presence here today!

You belong, here!

*Please fill out the “Welcome to Worship” slip
in the pew rack and pass to the side aisles*

Guidance for using this bulletin and the hymnal:

- ✧ All are invited to speak those responses printed in **bold**.
- ✧ ELW refers to material from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal in the pew rack in front of you.
- ✧ Numbers preceded by “ELW” refer to the hymns and songs found in the middle and back portions of the hymnal
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- ✧ “OT pg.” or “NT” pg. are in the old and new testament of the pew Bible.

We live stream our worship services on YouTube
Hearing Assist devices available from the sound booth.
You can also connect hearing aides through our T coil / Loop system

PRELUDE

"The Wonderful Cross" - Arr. Wolaver

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please rise as you are able

GATHERING SONG "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

ELW 324



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

GREETING

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.

Confessions & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, Who writes the law on our hearts,
Who draws all people together through Jesus.

Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of
one another.

Holy God,

**We confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.
We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold. We
speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak
up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred. For all
these things and for sins only you know, Forgive us, Lord.**

Amen.

Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near
to us, Breaks every snare of sin, Washes away our wrongs, And restores the
promise of life through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an
instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to
glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for
the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from Exodus. ¹God spoke all these words:

²I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³You shall not murder.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength. The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

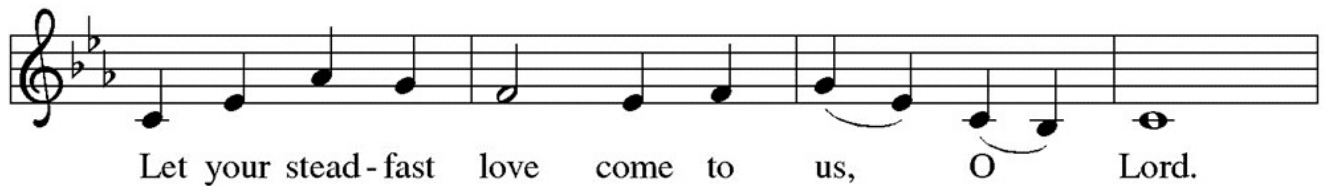
CHOIR ANTHEM

“Prayer to Jesus”

setting, Dorian Mode by Sir R. R. Terry

Please rise as you are able

Gospel Acclamation



The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” ¹⁷

His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” ¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” ²⁰The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children’s Message

Sermon

Pastor Rachel Reeder

Please rise as you are able.



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Apostles' Creed

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 to the dead. 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.

Please be seated

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY **"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" - Raphael**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. 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.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

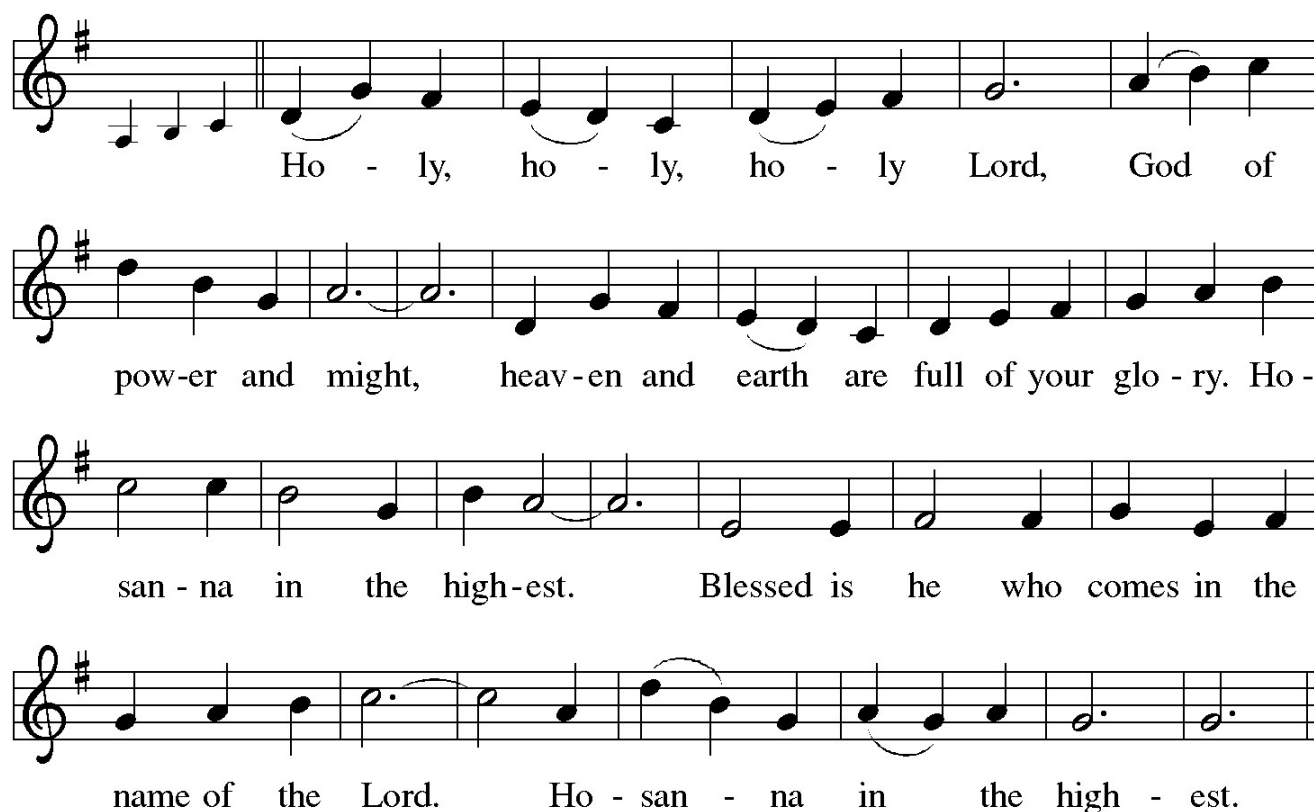
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

10 Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN “How Great Thou Art”

ELW 856



- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
- 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
- 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through-out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, “My God, how great thou art!”

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

Amen.

BLESSING

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Please rise as you are able

SENDING SONG “*God of Grace and God of Glory*” ELW 705



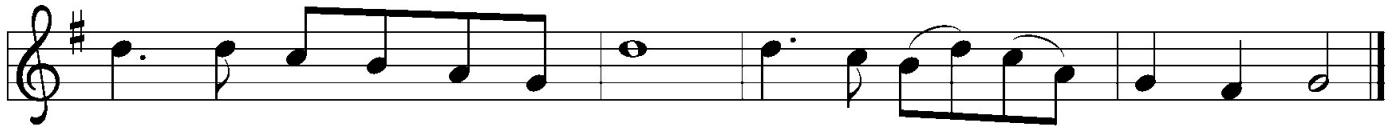
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Poslude In C Major'" - Merkel

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Altar Flowers this week:

*In Memory of Dianne Anderson, which
also would have been her birthday today March 3rd,
from her husband Larry*

Stewardship	Mar 3, 2024	Mar 10, 2024
Ushers	Dave Garcia Julie Garcia	Diane Brown DeeAnn Grip
Reader	Mark Wolkenhauer	Theron Pace
Communion Assistant	**needed	**needed
Sound/IT	Tom Olsen Jack Caballero	Tom Olsen Jack Caballero
Coffee/Tea & Clean Up	**needed	**needed
Treats	**needed	**needed
Altar Guild	Julie Garcia Nancy Griesemer	Julie Garcia Nancy Griesemer
Security	Debby Westen	Larry Davenport

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Life in Christ

Church as a VERB – WORSHIP

In person worship each Sunday at 9am.

Online Worship is available every Sunday through our website at www.firstlutheranredlands.org.

Flower Chart for 2024 is in the Narthex. Sign up if there is a week you would like to purchase flowers for the back altar. Cost is \$50.

Church as a VERB – LEARN

Thursday Morning Bible Study — Each week at 11:00 am. Join us via zoom for a discussion on the upcoming Gospel lesson. Zoom Meeting ID: 895 4566 3534 Code: 313299.

Adult Forum — Each Sunday after service @ 10:30 am

Church as a VERB – PLAY

COMIC Quilters — are back to regular Wednesday morning meetings at 10:00 am in the Fireside Room.

Church as a VERB – SERVE

Drop in the Ocean Bags — are available to pick up in narthex or church office. Bags are to be distributed to the homeless. Please assist by taking as many as you would like to give out.

Redland Family Services—For the month of March, please donate pasta sauce and boxed noodles.

This Week at First

Sunday 03/03	9:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Choir Practice in Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Adult Forum - Chapel: Psalm 25
	1:00 PM	BATAK Worship - Sanctuary/PH
Monday, 03/04	6:00 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday 03/06	10:00 AM	COMIC Quilters - Fireside Room
	3:00 PM	Youth Hope Dinner
	6:00 PM	Soup Supper
Thursday 03/07	11:00 AM	Bible Study - Zoom
Saturdays 03/09	10:00 AM	SDA Worship - Sanctuary/PH
	6:00 PM	AA Care and Share - PH
Sunday 03/10	9:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	10:00 AM	Choir Practice in Sanctuary
	10:30 AM	Adult Forum - Chapel: Psalm 25
	1:00 PM	BATAK Worship - Sanctuary/PH
	3:00 PM	Installation of Pastor Rachel

With a new church administrative assistant onboard, please be sure to add times and locations to all items placed on the church master calendar as not everybody knows “how it’s always been done.”

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

3 Bold Women's Day (Women of the ELCA) Celebrate and give thanks for Lutheran women who act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ through prayer, service to neighbors in need, advocacy, leadership, hospitality and telling their stories of faith.

4 Promise that we will never use our faith, our service to neighbors or our identity as followers of Christ to benefit ourselves, enhance our reputations or earn a profit. Ask the Spirit to nurture in us humility, generosity and gratitude for the gift of grace and salvation God has given us through the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

5 Remember in prayer individuals, families and communities as they continue to recover from natural disasters, and ask God to give them strength, resilience and hope. Promise that we will persist in our commitment to support and assist these individuals, families and communities through a process that can be long, difficult and lonely.

6 There are those who consider our beliefs and faith to be foolish and misguided. Pray for the Spirit to deepen our understanding of God's wisdom and ways, strengthen our faith in Christ and guide our imperfect words and actions to convey God's merciful love for humankind, so that others will be moved to believe and to follow Jesus Christ.

7 Pray for the children and youth in your congregation, and for young adults involved in long-term volunteer service, careers, military service or study at colleges, universities, trade schools or seminaries.

8 "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer" (Psalm 19:14). Praise God for being attentive to our thoughts, prayers and lamentations — spoken and unspoken.

9 Thank God for the ELCA's special relationship with The Episcopal Church, a full communion partner since 1999. Pray for the church, its members and its leaders, that together we will find strength, resources and encouragement for the work of sharing the gospel, serving our neighbor and growing the church.

Remember in prayer...

***“Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs:”***

Healing and strength: Gabriella; Bill, Nancy, and Tammy - family of Paces', Debbie Belmudez & Bill, req. by Maria & Craig Baker; Fred, Req. by the Garcia's; Gloria, BB Quinones mom; Kathy, friend of Carolyn; Kristen Cameron, req. by Mitch; Mary Ellen Toeniskoetter's bone cancer diagnosis; Richard & Richie family of Havard's; Rodger (uncle) Carole (friend), Allyson (friend), Req. by the Johnson's; Taylor, req. from Diane Brown

Continuing prayers for: Jan Jacobson; Lynda Wandler; Mac & Donna Barnes; Nancy Sturlaugson; Richard Thibedeau; Scott Huseth; Walter, brother of Ginger Close; Wayne Barnhart

Our homebound: Arlene Coleman; Betty Frannea; Carlton Peterson; Kay and John McMunn

** Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton and Bishop of the Pacifica Synod, Dave Nagler.

** The people of Israel and Palestine.

** Peace.

***Into your hand we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”***

*** The prayer list is refreshed each week using the “Welcome to Worship” slips.*

*If you have a prayer request, please include it on those slips
or contact the Pastor or church office. Most requests will remain on the list for 2-3 weeks.*

*Please advise if you would prefer they remain longer.***



Lent

Each Wednesdays beginning next Wednesday, February 21st and continuing through March 27th there will be a potluck Soup Supper and worship service starting at 6pm. Please bring soup, bread, or a dessert to share. Following the meal we will worship using Holden Evening Prayer.

Wednesdays March 6, 13, 20 & 27

6:00 pm Soup Supper

7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

Palm Sunday, March 24th: 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday, March 28th: 7:00 pm

Good Friday, March 29th: 7:00 pm

Location 'To be Announced'

Easter Sunday: March 29th: 7:00 pm
& Regular Sunday Worship: 9:00 am