

**LOOKING AHEAD: March 5 – March 11**

Tues. 6	9:30 am	Worship Committee Mtg. – The Parlour
	6:00 pm	Women's Fellowship Supper – Fellowship Hall
Wed. 7	10:00 am	<b>Sunday Bulletin Announcement Deadline for March 11 &amp; 18</b>
	7:00 pm	Mid-Week Lenten Service – Sanctuary
	7:45 pm	Outreach Committee Mtg. – The Parlour
Thurs. 8	1:15 pm	Scrapbooking & Crafts – Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice – Sanctuary
Fri. 9	10:00 am	GWSA Gathering – Fellowship Hall
Sun. 11	8:30 am	Lent 4 – Holy Communion – Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Lent 4 – Holy Communion – Sanctuary

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## **WELCOME**

We welcome you to our worship today.

### ***Hymnbooks:***

Our community uses two hymnbooks.

**(ELW)** Evangelical Lutheran Worship has a cranberry cover.

**(CP)** Common Praise has a blue cover.

You will find either **(ELW)** or **(CP)** beside each hymn number to indicate which book we are singing from.

### ***Communion: All are welcome.***

We make available grape juice and gluten free bread. Please inform one of the Communion Servers that you wish to have one or both of these elements during the distribution of Communion.

***No Scents Makes Good Sense.*** Members have indicated that they suffer discomfort from perfumes, hair spray, colognes and after-shave lotion. Please help us provide a scent-free environment

***We welcome all children*** to our worship. We also have a child friendly space in the fellowship area at the back of the church. Drink boxes, activity bags and youth bulletins are in a basket near the entrance to the church. Please help yourself.

## **THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT Sunday, March 4, 2018**

### **GATHERING**

***The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.***

Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territory

Call to Worship - # 752 ELW

**Lord, listen to your children praying,**

**Lord, send your Spirit in this place;**

**Lord, listen to your children praying,**

**Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of heaven and earth,  
you come in close and make us yours.  
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin,  
embrace your forgiveness,  
and seek the way you set before us in your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Merciful God,

**you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost.  
We confess that we have strayed from  
you and turned aside from your way.  
We fail in love, neglect justice,  
and ignore your truth.  
Have mercy on us and wash away our  
sin. Create in us clean hearts  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our  
Savior. Amen.**

Behold, now is the acceptable time;  
now is the day of salvation.

Almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us all our sins,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

Gathering Song – # 772 ELW

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.**

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

### Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us

steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Children's Message

#### WORD

***God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.***

#### First Reading – *Exodus 20: 1 – 17*

A reading from Exodus.

God spoke all these words:

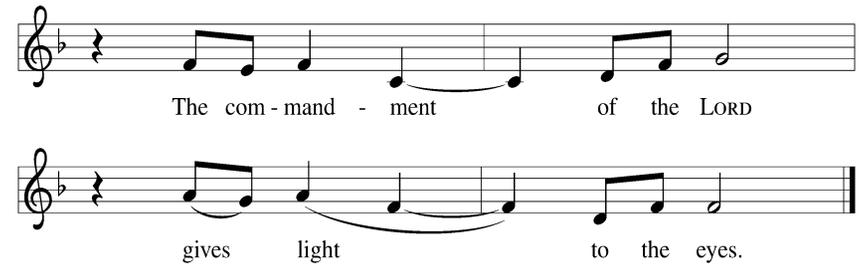
I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You 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, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your

work. But 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. For 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. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You 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.**

Psalm 19



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- <sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,  
 and the sky proclaims its | maker's  
 handiwork.**
- <sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale | to another,  
 and one night imparts knowledge | to  
 another.**
- <sup>3</sup>Although they have no | words or language,  
 and their voices | are not heard,**
- <sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and  
 their message to the ends | of the world,  
 where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**
- <sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his  
 chamber;  
 it rejoices like a champion to | run its  
 course.**
- <sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the  
 heavens and runs about to the end of | it again;  
 nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. R**
- <sup>7</sup>The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- |  
 vives the soul;  
 the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives  
 wisdom to | the simple.**
- <sup>8</sup>The statutes of the Lord are just and re- |  
 joice**

**the heart;**

**the commandment of the Lord is clear and  
gives light | to the eyes.**

**9The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures  
forever;**

**the judgments of the Lord are true and  
righteous | altogether.**

**10More to be desired are they than gold, more  
than | much fine gold,**

**sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the  
comb. R**

**11By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is | great reward.**

**12Who can detect one's | own offenses?**

**Cleanse me from my | secret faults.**

**13Above all, keep your servant from  
presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion |  
over me;**

**then shall I be whole and sound, and  
innocent of a | great offense.**

**14Let the words of my mouth and the meditation  
of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,**

**O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer. R**

Gradual Hymn - # **652** ELW

Gospel Reading – *John 2: 13 – 22*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*or*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making 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. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After 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.**

*or*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray,  
O God, hear our prayer.

Peace

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

**MEAL**

***God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.***

Offering / Choir Anthem

– Freedom is Coming

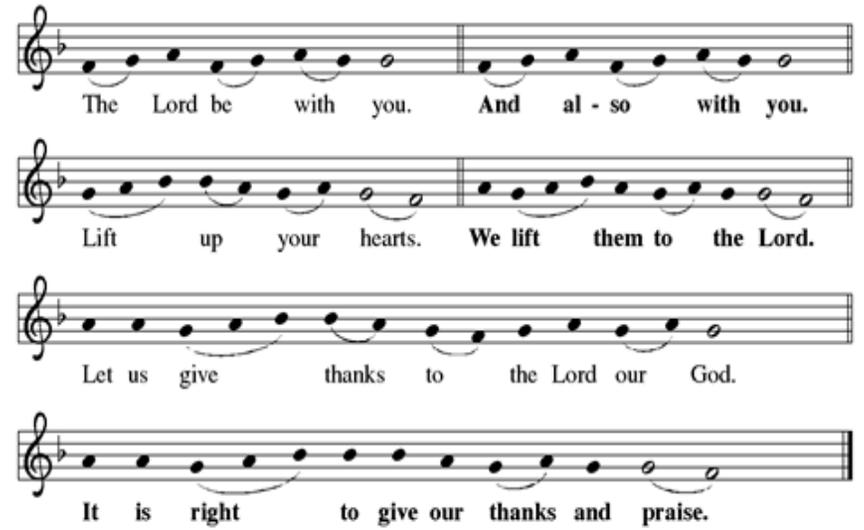
Offering Hymn – # 185 ELW

Offering Prayer

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 al - so 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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav-en 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.

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**This day give us our daily bread,  
 and forgive us all our sins  
 as we forgive all those  
 who sin against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
 from evil, Lord, deliver us.  
 For the kingdom and the power,  
 and the glory are forever yours,  
 and the glory are forever yours.  
 Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

...proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

...the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

...with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

**Invitation to Communion**

Come to Christ, broken and poured out for you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Lamb of God**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who is in heaven,**

**hallowed be your holy name.**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done.**



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.

### Communion Hymns

#### **Peace, Salaam, Shalom**

**Dona nobis pacem, pacem;  
dona nobis, pacem.**

**Bless the Lord, my soul,  
and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul,  
who leads me into life.**

### Table Blessing

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

**Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

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.**

### SENDING

***God blesses us and sends us in mission to the  
world.***

### Blessing

**The blessing of the God of life be ours.  
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours.  
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours to  
cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.**

### Benediction

The blessing of God Almighty,  
the wisdom and power of (+) Christ Jesus,  
and the light of the Holy Spirit  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

### Announcements

Sending Song - # **389 CP**

### Dismissal

Go in peace....

**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

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***Jennifer will be away*** March 14 – 16 (March break). If you have any announcements that you would like in the Sunday bulletin for March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup> they need to be submitted to the office **no later than 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, this includes flower announcements and prayers of intercession.

***St. Patrick's Day Dessert & Card Party*** will be held on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Desserts from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and cards from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Free will offerings will be donated to the Saturday Night Supper ministry. Please sign up in the Narthex.

## **Announcements and Information**

***Greeters:*** Sunday School Children & Their Teachers

***March Altar Guild:*** Cathy Soehner, Elsie Persaud & Ena Sookraj

***We pray for:*** Anglican Church of Canada – Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, people and clergy of the Diocese of Montreal. **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada** – The dean, council, and congregations of the Georgian, Huronia and Bay Areas of the Eastern Synod.

***Coffee hour*** today is provided by Bill & Deacon Chris Clatworthy. We offer them thanks for supporting this important ministry.