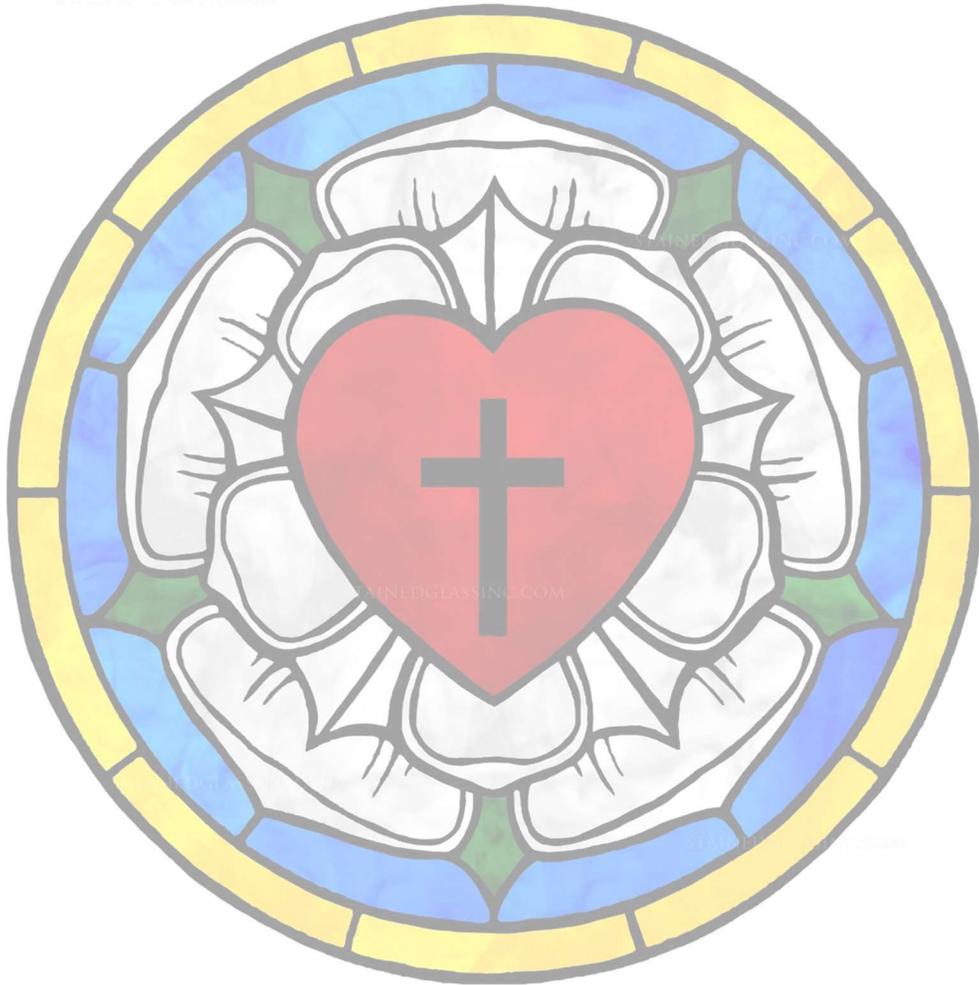


# INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

## ✝ Third Sunday in Lent ✝ March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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**Worship Notes:**

Setting 12 from All Creation Sings (ACS) • Our Lector for today is Susan McArver  
Our Crucifer for today is Bill Williamson • Our Cantors for today are Emma Schwertfuehrer and Kevin Piner  
• Seminarian Gina Schaefer • Congregational responses are in **bold**.

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VOLUNTARY**                      Thee, We Adore                      Gregorian Chant arr. Cathy Moglebust

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *Please stand as able.*

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

**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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN: ELW 618** Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer  
CWM RHONDDA

**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: ACS p.708**

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## 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.

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>Why 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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>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.**

#### PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8



<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eager- | ly 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.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,  
that I might behold your power | and your glory.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;  
my lips shall | give you praise.

<sup>4</sup>**So will I bless you as long | as I live  
and lift up my hands | in your name. R**

<sup>5</sup>My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup>**when I remember you up- | on my bed,  
and meditate on you in | the night watches.**

<sup>7</sup>For you have | been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup>**My whole being | clings to you;  
your right hand | holds me fast. R**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do 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.” <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These 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. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup>No 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** ACS p.712



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



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**GOSPEL:** Luke 13:1-9

*Please stand as able.*

*Before the Reading:* The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?<sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>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? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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?’ <sup>8</sup>He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

*After the Reading:* The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 329

As the Sun with Longer Journey  
*NAGEL*

**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.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Each petition concludes "*Merciful God,*" We respond: "**Receive our prayer.**"

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

**MEAL**

**OFFERING**

*The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation.*

**ANTHEM:**

"We Place upon Your Table"

Robert A. Hobby

**OFFERTORY: ELW 692**

We Are an Offering  
*OFFERING*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

**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 ELW p.108**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: ACS p.713



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

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### 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;  
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

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

## COMMUNION

*We invite you to either take communion in your pew with the communion pods, or to come to the front of the church to receive a wafer and wine. The communion cups are in trays at the front of the church. There are discard trays by the side aisles.*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 542

O Living Bread from Heaven

AURELIA

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Please stand as able.*

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **Amen.**

## SENDING

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ grant you peace.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: How God, Who Calls Us Each By Name

See page 8 of the bulletin.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE:

The Ukranian National Anthem

Mykhailo Verbytsky  
(1815 - 1870), arr. Dennis Janzer

*Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and donuts. Exit through the door at the front left of the Sanctuary.*

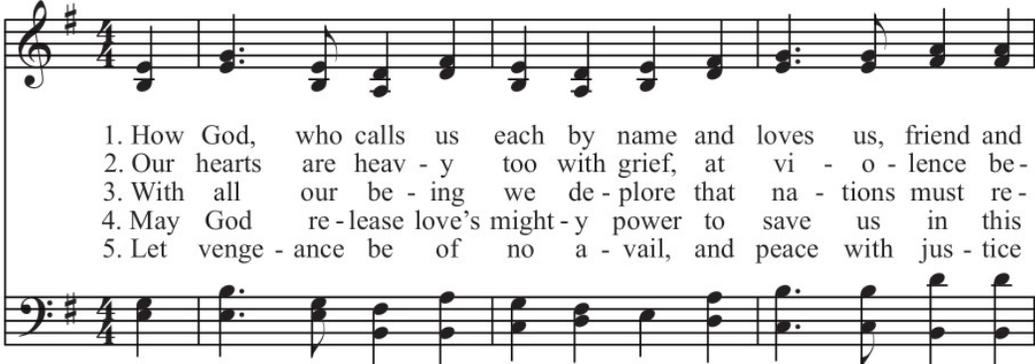
# How God, Who Calls Us Each by Name

GOD WEEPS

LM

Mary Nelson Keithahn (b. 1934)

John D. Horman (b. 1946)



1. How God, who calls us each by name and loves us, friend and  
 2. Our hearts are heav - y too with grief, at vi - o - lence be -  
 3. With all our be - ing we de - plore that na - tions must re -  
 4. May God re - lease love's might - y power to save us in this  
 5. Let venge - ance be of no a - vail, and peace with jus - tice



foe the same, must weep with sor - row at the sight of  
 yond be - lief. We mourn each trag - ic loss of life, each  
 sort to war, that good in - ten - tions can - not find an -  
 dread - ful hour from bit - ter ha - tred and ill will, di -  
 soon pre - vail, that all may live as God in - tends, no



sol - diers fight - ing in the night.  
 wound - ed vic - tim in the strife.  
 oth - er way, a com - mon mind.  
 vi - sions that di - vide us still.  
 long - er foes, for - ev - er friends.

\*Final stanza may be ended on a major chord.