"Lamb of God" ELW p. 154

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Tender and merciful one. at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation. mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

SENDING

*Benediction

*Sending Hymn "How Firm a Foundation" **ELW #796**

*Dismissal:

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Ministers: All God's People Pastor: Cathleen Morris Organist: Nalani Bever

Greeters: Anita Steinke and Lois O'Rourke Reader: Joel Arndt

Altar Committee: Steve and Pam Brandau Communion Server: Joel Arndt

Ushers: Bob Buchholz, Brian Buchholz, Ed Ross, Joel Arndt



St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Wilton, WI Second Sunday in Lent March 17, 2019

Inviting People to Journey with Christ's Family in Spreading God's Love and Mercy

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek the face of the Lord again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity,
one God, who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us. anoint us. and make us new. Amen.

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

God at the margins. We have wandered far from your home: again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure. your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen. *Gathering Hymn "Lead On, O King Eternal!"

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#805

*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 mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

"Glory to God"

ELW pp.148-149

Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant,

in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.)

*PEACE

P:The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us show signs of Christ's peace.

OFFERING

*Offertory Hymn "Create in Me"

ELW #186

*Offertory Prayer

Generous God,

you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need.
Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.
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 our Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

ELW p.153

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P:Words of Institution

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us: Lord's Prayer

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you. Distribution

Everyone who believes in Jesus is welcome at Christ's table.

and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

Sermon

*Hymn "God Loved the World" **ELW #323**

*NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light. true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead,

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a son, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant -making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

A reading from Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when call; have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.

Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹²Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

¹⁴Wait for the LORD and be strong.

Take heart and wait for the LORD!

A reading from Philippians 3:17—4:1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Children's Choir Children's Sermon

Gospel Acclamation

"Return to the Lord"

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Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

The gospel according to Luke 13:31-35

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,