



## Fourth Sunday in Lent~ March 15, 2026

**Prelude**      *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us* – William Bradbury, arr. Gary R. Smoke  
Campanile Ringers

### Welcome

### Mission Statement

**C: Our mission is to welcome everyone, celebrate God’s grace, and grow together as one church expressed in two languages.**

**Gathering Hymn**      *O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate* - ELW 722 (vs. 1, 2, & 4)

**Confession and Forgiveness**      *(please stand)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: We confess that we often prefer the comfort of what we know to the truth you reveal. We judge by appearances, cling to assumptions, and resist the light that would change us. We turn away from those who see differently than we do. Forgive us, O God. Heal our blindness, soften our hearts, and lead us into the freedom of your truth. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news: “Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.” In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and called to walk in the light.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn of Praise**      *Be Thou My Vision* – Eleanor Hull, arr. Jason W. Krug  
Campanile Ringers

## Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you, **C and also with you.** P Let us pray.

**C: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** *(please be seated)*

## First reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah. Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

You, Lord, are my shepherd. I will never be in need. You let me rest in fields of green grass. You lead me to streams of peaceful water, and you refresh my life. You are true to your name, and you lead me along the right paths. I may walk through valleys as dark as death, but I won't be afraid. You are with me, and your Shepherd's rod makes me feel safe.

You treat me to a feast, while my enemies watch. You honor me as your guest, and you fill my cup until it overflows. Your kindness and love will always be with me each day of my life, and I will live forever in your house, Lord.

### **Second reading:** Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

Word of God, word of life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**      *Alleluia (setting 3) - ELW p. 142 (please stand)*

### **Gospel:** John 9:1-41

*Response after the announcement: **Glory to you, O Lord***

As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No,

but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am he.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may

believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord    **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**      Pastor Manuel Borbón      *(please be seated)*

**Hymn of the Day**      *There is a Balm in Gilead* - ELW 614 (vs. 1 & 2)      *(please stand)*

### **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 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**

R: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

R: Hear us, O God,    **C: Your mercy is great.**

R: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**C: Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

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

*We invite you to share a sign of God's peace with those around you.*

### **Offering**

**Anthem**      *The New 23<sup>rd</sup>* – Ralph Carmichael

Sanctuary Choir

**The Offering Prayer** *(please stand)*

**C:** O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving (setting 3) ELW p. 144**

**Holy Holy, Holy - (setting 3) ELW p. 144**

**Words of Institution**

**P:** For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Thanksgiving Acclamation - (setting 3) ELW p. 146**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**Invitation to Communion** *(please be seated)*

**The Agnus Dei** *Lamb of God* – ELW p. 146

**The Communion of Christ's People**

**Communion Voluntary** *Sexagesime* – Dom Paul Benoit Charles F. von Gunten

**Blessing after Communion**

**P:** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Prayer after Communion**

**C:** God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Announcement**

**Sending Hymn**     *Baptized and Set Free - ELW 453 (vs. 1, 3, & 4)*

**Blessing**

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**     *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* – William H. Doane, arr. Jason W. Krug  
Campanile Ringers, piano - Cindy Hughes

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**Serving Us Today**

Pastor Manuel Borbón

Choir Director: Katy Lundeen

Campanile Ringers Director: Cindy Hughes

Piano: Cindy Hughes

Organist: Charles F. von Gunten

Readers: Lynn Ten Eyck, Emilie Lauchmen

Communion: Gary Lange, Rita Leatherman, Josua & Rohany Purba

Welcome Team: Gabriel & Teresa Muñoz, Pam Allen, Emilie Lauchmen

Offering Couriers: Ruth Andersen & Teresa Muñoz

AV: Lewis John TenHulzen & Mitchell Little

Slides Creator: Lorri Carlsen

**All are Welcome!** As a community of faith the members of Clairemont Lutheran Church/ Iglesia Luterana Clairemont are called to include all people seeking a relationship with Jesus, regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, immigration status or marital status. We gather as one congregation, worshiping in two languages, celebrating many cultures. We affirm that in Christ " There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female" (Galatians 3:28)

**FIRST TIME HERE?** Welcome to Clairemont Lutheran Church. For those who are here for the first time we have a welcome gift for you on the table in the Narthex. Please see one of the greeters in the Narthex to receive your gift. Thank you for being with us today.

**FOR THOSE IN NEED** If you are facing challenges in life, we have cards with prayers for you, located on the table in the narthex on the following subjects. 1. Anxiety 2. Coping with the death of a loved one. 3. Dealing with discouragement and despair. 4. Hope. 5. Loneliness. 6. Need for forgiveness and 7. Patience.

**Remember in Prayer:** Mark Nickel, Bev Covey, Ruth Andersen, Adrienne Lenhoff, Paul Brown, Lee Shigley, Maria Medrano, Clark Carlson, Stella Penyak, Barb Kanneman, LaRae Rabe, Lewis TenHulzen, Emilie Lauchmen, Renée Shepherd, Bob Logan, Peggy Ritchie, Jack & Jean Shirley, Carla Faulk, Maria Luisa Velasquez, Bill Huston, Gerald Flax, Laurie Dustafson, and all the homebound members.

**Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God** by Gary Lange to the active members of our Armed Forces currently defending freedom everywhere.

**This week's lessons and Gospel:** Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, and the Gospel of John 11:1-45.

**CCSA** - During Lent we will donate food items to CCSA: one-pound bags of beans and rice and boxes of macaroni and cheese. Donations can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall at the designated box. Thank you for your support.

**Charles' Music Notes:** The choral anthem, *The New 23rd*, was a pivotal song in the development of contemporary Christian music. Wildly popular during the late sixties and early seventies, this choral piece inspired many young composers of the day. The message is universal, and the arrangement is well-crafted, filled with expressive opportunities. The gathering hymn, *O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate*, was written by the contemporary composer, Herman Stuempfle, Jr. It is set to a 19th century tune that you may associate with the text, 'The day of Resurrection'. The text for the hymn of the day, *Balm of Gilead*, is an African American spiritual. Balm of Gilead was an aromatic medicinal ointment.

**If you know of a member that can't make it to church and would like to receive Holy Communion**, please contact the office 858-273-7423

**Please RSVP if you plan to attend Emilie's birthday celebration** on March 28th at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. 🎉 Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.

On **March 29th, Palm Sunday**, Pat and I will be celebrating our **60th wedding anniversary**. After the **9:30 service**, we will be hosting a **luncheon in the Fellowship Hall**. **Pastor Elena and Jorge** will be preparing the meal for us. If you plan to attend, please **sign up on the sheet in the narthex**. Your RSVP will help us know how much food to prepare. We would love to celebrate this special day with you!

## Stay Connected

### Monday February 9

5:30-6:30pm Glee Choir, 6:30-7:30pm Esperanza Youth Choir, 7:30-9pm Sanctuary Choir

### Tuesday February 10

6:30pm Handbell rehearsal,

### Wednesday February 11

5pm Stephen Ministry

6pm Potluck, 7pm Holden Evening Prayer in English and Spanish

### Thursday February 12

8:00am Sandwich Ministry

10:00am MorningStar

6:30pm Worship Ministry

### Friday February 13

8am-12pm Food Distribution

## LENTEN SERVICES

### WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

March 11 - March 25

**6:00pm** Potluck soup dinner

**7:00pm** Holden Evening Prayer service in English

**7:00pm** Worship service in Spanish

### PALM SUNDAY

March 29

**9:30am** Worship service in English

**11:30am** Worship service in Spanish

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 02

**7:00pm** Bilingual Worship service

### GOOD FRIDAY

April 3

**12:00pm** Worship service in English

**5:00pm** Worship Service in Spanish

**7:00 pm** Worship service in English

### EASTER SUNDAY

April 5

**9:30am** Worship service in English

**11:30am** Worship service in

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Please return the completed form with dedication to the church office by Sunday, March 29.

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- Gifts of music of any amount are welcome.
- Whatever is needed.

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