

First Sunday in Lent ~ March 9, 2025

Prelude Christus, der ist mein Leben Johann Pachelbel

Charles F. von Gunten

Welcome

Gathering Hymn What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine - ELW 774

The Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate One,

C you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion

you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen

P Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say – ELW 611

Prayer of The Day

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

C O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

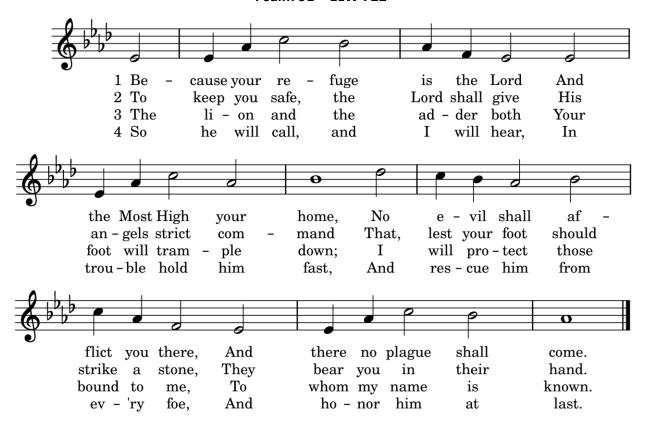
Amen.

Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." 4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91 - ELW 722



Lessons: Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b} "The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Word of God, word of life.

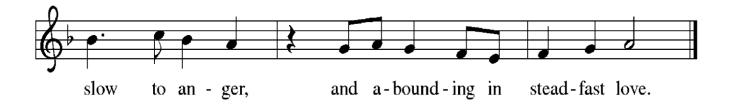
Congregation: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Return to the Lord – ELW p. 151

(please stand)



Re-turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,



Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him."

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,

to protect you,'

¹¹ and

'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Response after the conclusion of the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Manuel Borbón (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day I Want Jesus to Walk with Me – ELW 325

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

P Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

P Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and

monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful who have crossed the threshold from death to life. Guide us who are living to learn from their wisdom and follow their example. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C Amen.

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.

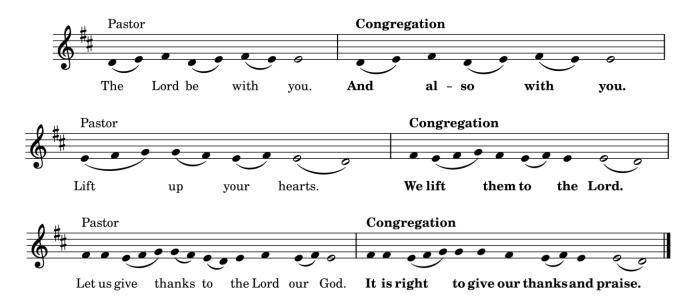
Offering

Anthem God Will Give the Angels Charge of You- Mark Sedio Sanctuary Choir

The Offering Prayer (please stand)

C Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

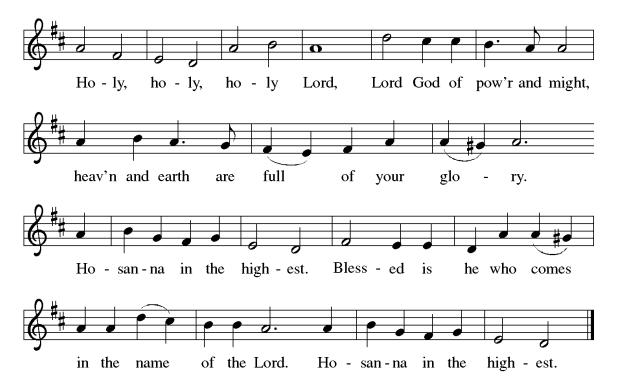
The Great Thanksgiving - ELW p.152



The Preface

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

The Sanctus - ELW p.153

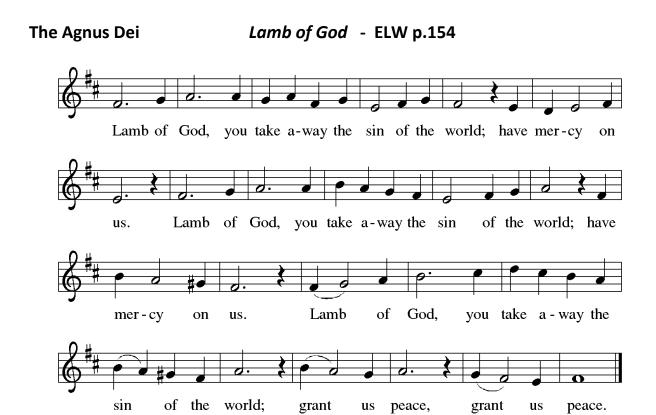


Words of Institution

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)



Distribution of Communion we ask you to come to communion using the center aisle and return to your seat using the side aisle.

Communion Voluntary

O Lamm Gottes unschuldig

Johann Pachelbel

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 Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing (please stand)

P God our tender parent, God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit, + bless you now and forever. **C** Amen.

Sending Hymn O Lord, throughout These Forty Days – ELW 319

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude Christus, der ist mein Leben Johann Gottfried Walther

Charles F. von Gunten

Serving Us Today

Pastor Manuel Borbón Choir Director: Katy Lundeen Organist: Charles F. von Gunten Reader: Susan Gjerset

Communion Assistants: Nancy and Sarah Groesbeck, Lewis TenHulzen Welcome Team: Kathy Reed, Gary Lange, Emilie Lauchmen Offering Couriers: Teresa Múnoz, Lewis John TenHulzen

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: Sandy McCauley, Mark Nickel, Bev Covey, Ruth Andersen, Sue Brennecke, Adrienne Lenhoff, Paul Brown, Ken Hanson, Lee & Carol Shigley, Maria Medrano, Teresa Muñoz, Clark Carlson, Stella Penyak, Barb Kanneman, LaRae Rabe, Lewis TenHulzen, Renée Shepherd, Lynn Ten Eyck, Bob Logan, Myra Brandt, Julie Stivers family, and all the homebound members.

Pulpit and Lecturn flowers are given to the Glory of God LeRoy Bannach dedicated to the wonderful memories of a beautiful young lady who now resides in the Lord's beautiful gardens of heaven and was such a wonderful partner during her life on this earth.

Next Week's Lessons: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17—4:1, and the Gospel of Luke 13:31-35.

During Lent for CCSA we will collect canned fruit and vegetables. These items are included in the grocery bag of staple food given to clients. There will be a designated spot in the narthex to leave the donated items. Your support for our community partner is appreciated.

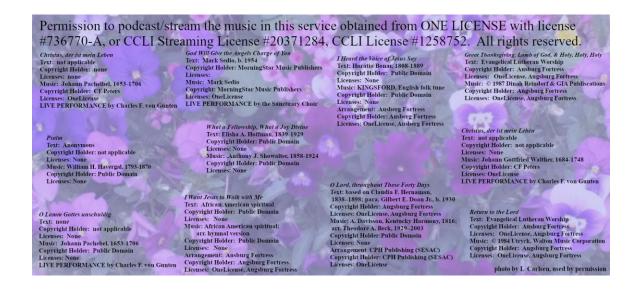
A Lenten Soup sign up sheet is in the Narthex. If you can, please support our Lenten meals by signing up to bring soup, bread, or crackers Wednesday evening during Lent for the dates of March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd, & 9th. We will eat from 6 - 6:45 p.m, and then gather in the chapel for a Holden Evening Prayer Service at 7 p.m. Thank you for your support in volunteering for our Lenten

meals! You may register for as many spots as you would like. If you have any questions, please call the office or email Tanya clc@clairemontlc.com

Africa Empowering children: Thank you so much to the members of the Clairemont Lutheran for your continuous support. Your support helps the children continue in schools for food and boarding. This past year has been a struggle. Our food was swept away during this season's rains. Nick has traveled to study more about irrigation and how to practice it here in our community. He is in Arizona for a few months with the help of Ox Farm America which helps farmers and nonprofit organizations learn new techniques for food security. May God Bless you, Nick & Judy.



Charles' Music Notes: The choir anthem, God Will Give the Angels Charge of You, is written by a contemporary composer, but should strike you as sounding like something much older. The text is based on Psalm 91 and Luke 4. The gathering hymn, What a Fellowship, was written by Anthony Showalter. The text was inspired by a letter from two of his former pupils indicating they had buried their wives on the same day. Showalter wrote back with words of consolation including words from Deuteronomy 33:27. The tune is a gospel song, this is Showalter's best known hymn. At his funeral, 5,000 people attended and this hymn was sung at the grave site.



Lenten Services

Wednesdays in Lent, 12 March through 09 April, - Soup dinner at 6p.m, Holden Evening Prayer service at 7 p.m.

17 April – bilingual Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m.

18 April – noon: Good Friday service in English bilingual Good Friday service at 7 p.m.

20 April – Easter Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. in English

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Monday March 9

12:30 Patience bible study 4:00pm Gospel Study on zoom 5-6pm Glee Choir, 6-7pm Esperanza Youth Choir, 7:30-8:45pm Sanctuary Choir

Tuesday March 10

4:00pm Evangelism Team 6:30pm Handbell rehearsal

Ash Wednesday March 11

6:00pm Soup dinner, 7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer

Thursday March 12

7:00am Sandwich ministry 10:00pm Ruth Bible study 5:30pm Cherub Choir

Friday March 13

8am-12pm Food Distribution 1:00pm Bunco