



Clairemont
Lutheran Church
Iglesia Luterana

Third Sunday in Lent ~ March 23, 2025

Prelude *Chorale Prelude on 'Slane'* A.P. Van Iderstine
Charles F. von Gunten

Welcome

Gathering Hymn *Wash, O God Our Sons and Daughters* – ELW 445

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

Be Thou My Vision - ELW 793

Prayer of The Day

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

C 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.

Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-9

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ 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.

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

⁷ 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.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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

Psalm 63 – ELW 328

1 O God, you are my God; I
 2 Your love is more than life; My
 3 My soul is well con - tent, My
 4 Your wings have shel - tered me, My

seek you ea - ger - ly; My soul and bo - dy
 lips shall give you praise; I lift my hands up
 mouth shall give you praise; When I re - mem - ber
 help - er in the past; My soul, Lord, clings to

thirst for you In bar - ren lands and dry.
 in your Name And bless you all my days.
 you at night And pon - der all your ways.
 you a - lone, Your right hand holds me fast.

Lessons: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹ 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, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ 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." ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ 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. ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not

fall. ¹³ 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. Word of God, word of life.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation *Return to the Lord – ELW p. 151* *(please stand)*



Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.² [Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ 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? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶ 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. ⁷ 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?’ ⁸ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone

for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' ”

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

Sermon *Pastor Manuel Borbón* (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day *I've Got Peace Like a River – TFF 258*



1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,
 3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul;
 I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul;
 I've got love like an o - cean in my soul;



I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er,
 I've got joy like a foun-tain, I've got joy like a foun-tain,
 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean,



I've got peace like a riv - er in my soul.
 I've got joy like a foun-tain in my soul.
 I've got love like an o - cean in my soul.

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 We pray for the church, called to be a witness to all peoples. Grant humility and wisdom to bishops, pastors, deacons, elders, councils, and congregations, that they may call upon you in making decisions. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P We pray for the earth, called to provide abundantly. Teach your people the goodness of your generosity, that in sharing what we have been given, all life may flourish on the planet that is our shared home. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P We pray for the nations, called to protect their inhabitants and collaborate in the work of justice and peace. Forge bonds of compassion and mutual care across human borders and boundaries, that all the world may have enough to live. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P We pray for those in need, called to receive your compassion. Comfort those whose lives have been disrupted through natural disasters and human conflict. Aid communities in coming together to mourn, heal, and rebuild. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P We pray for this assembly, called to welcome its neighbors to the table of your grace. Bless food pantries, community gardens and kitchens, clean water projects, and all ministries that address human hunger and thirst. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P We give thanks for the faithful lives of those who proclaimed your gospel in times of challenge and strife, and for all those whose lives of love and service have ended. May their witness inspire our own. 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 *In All Our Grief and Fear* – Thomas Keesecker 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 image displays three staves of musical notation, each representing a different line of a hymn. Each staff is divided into two parts: 'Pastor' and 'Congregation'. The music is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Staff 1:

- Pastor:** The Lord be with you.
- Congregation:** And al - so with you.

Staff 2:

- Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.
- Congregation:** We lift them to the Lord.

Staff 3:

- Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Congregation:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Preface

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

The Sanctus - ELW p.15

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n 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.

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)*

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God - ELW p.154



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, grant us peace.

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 *Air from Suite No. 3 in D major* J.S. Bach

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 *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* – ELW 618

Dismissal

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

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Fugue in G major* J.S. Bach Charles F. von Gunten

Serving Us Today

Pastor Manuel Borbón & Pastor Elena Enriquez

Choir Director: Katy Lundeen

Organist: Charles F. von Gunten

Reader: Bonita Martinez

Communion Assistants: Gary & Aida Jaus, Gary Lange

Welcome Team: Rita Leatherman, Janet Wood, Karen Creusere

Offering Couriers: Kathy Reed, Emilie Lauchmen

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, worshipping 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, and all the homebound members.

Pulpit flowers are given to the Glory of God by Gary & Aida Jaus in celebration of Ava Rice's 21st birthday.

Next Week's Lessons: Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, and the Gospel of Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.

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.



The Zoom studies for the Gospel readings for the coming Sunday led by Bill Fredericks are on Mondays at 4:00pm. You can contact Bill Fredericks at william.h.fredericks@gmail.com

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 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

Charles' Music Notes: The choir anthem, *In All Our Grief and Fear*, arranged by Thomas Keesecker instills peace on the listener and singer alike. The setting weaves *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* against the hymn tune, Frederickton, in breathtaking dialogue. The text for the gathering hymn was written by Ruth Duck as a result of a commission by the Methodist Hymnal Revision Committee in 1987. Many of the facets of baptism are included such as God's washing, cleansing, numbering, blessing, compassing with love and light, anointing, renewing, guiding, and freeing from sin. The tune is attributed to Benjamin Franklin White who published *The Sacred Harp*. (Philadelphia, 1844) The tune was named for Beach Spring Baptist Church. Mr. White had 14 children. The hymn of praise, *Be Thou Our Vision*, is an Irish text found in two eight-century manuscripts in the Royal Irish Academy Library. The tune is an Irish folk tune named for the hill where St. Patrick is reputed to have defied the king of England by lighting the new fire at the Easter Vigil. The prelude introduces this tune in a contemporary guise.

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Lenten Services

Wednesdays in Lent, 26 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

We are hiring a Sunday school coordinator.
Job description is on our website or email the office and
we can send it to you.
Please send a letter of interest with details of why you are
a good fit for this position; along with 3 reference names,
to Clairemont Lutheran Church/Iglesia Luterana via email
or mail.

Email: clc@clairemontlc.org

Please join us this evening at 5:30pm to hear kids from
churches all over San Diego sing praise to God.

San Diego Choristers Guild Presents:
ANNUAL CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL!

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CONCERT AT 5:30PM, FOLLOWED BY DINNER
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Featuring Childrens' Director **Nancy Shirley**,
and Youth Choir Director **Nancy Gray**



This is a FREE event, with a goodwill offering gratefully accepted

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Monday March 24

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

Tuesday March 25

6:30pm Handbell rehearsal

Ash Wednesday March 26

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

Thursday March 27

7:00am Sandwich ministry
5:30 Cherub Choir

Friday March 28

8am-12pm Food Distribution