



Clairemont
Lutheran Church
Iglesia Luterana

Second Sunday in Lent ~ March 1, 2026

Prelude *Liturgical Prelude* – Harold Darke

Welcome

Mission Statement

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

Call to Worship

P: God calls us to leave what is familiar and follow where grace leads.

C: We come, trusting the promise we cannot yet see.

P: God keeps watch over all who journey by faith.

C: Our help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.

P: God offers new life, born of Spirit and truth.

C: Let us worship the God who calls us forward in faith.

ALL: AMEN

Gathering Hymn *Blessed Assurance* - ELW 638

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

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: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit.

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdaining the living water Christ offers. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life. Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise *God Loved the World - ELW 323 (vs. 1, 4, & 5)*

Prayer of The Day

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

C: O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.** *(please be seated)*

First reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him

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

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep. Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep; the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not strike you by

day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life. The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

Second reading: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, setting 4 – ELW p. 151 (please stand)*

Gospel: John 3:1-17

Response after the announcement: Glory to you, O Lord

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.” The Gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Manuel Borbón *(please be seated)*

Hymn of the Day *Jesus Loves Me - ELW 595* *(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.

After each portion of the prayers

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.

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 *I Know God Cares for Me* – Gayle C. Bruce, arr. Stewart Harris
The Messengers

Offertory

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 four) ELW p. 152

Holy Holy, Holy (setting four) ELW p. 153

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 ELW p. 153

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

The Communion of Christ's People

Communion Voluntary *Sonata I, Adagio* - Felix Mendelssohn

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

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing *(please stand)*

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**

Sending Hymn *How Firm a Foundation - ELW 796 (vs. 1 – 3)*

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sonata 3 - Felix Mendelssohn

Charles F. von Gunten

Serving Us Today

Pastor Manuel Borbón

Choir Director: Katy Lundeen

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Offering Couriers: Heidi Acosta & Jeff Archer

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, the family & friends of Jim Brown, and all the homebound members.

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by LeRoy Bannach. The church flowers have been lovingly dedicated in honor of all the volunteers who work hard to bring light and hope to our community, a congregation in two languages. May these flowers serve as a reminder of God's everlasting love and beauty found in fellowship.

Sign up sheets for Sunday flowers are up on the wall near the Chapel. Flowers are \$50.00, you can pick them up Monday morning so both services can enjoy the beautiful flowers.

week's lessons and Gospel: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, and the Gospel of John 4:5-42.

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.

Please print your first and last names on the offering envelope. We are receiving envelopes with no name, or just the first or just the last name; we are unable to properly credit these. It's very important to write down both the first and last names. Thank you!!

The WELCA Pacifica Spring Gathering is Sat. March 7, 2026. Specific details and registration forms are posted in the narthex. We are collecting (new) men's white socks, underwear, undershirts/t-shirts for T.A.C.O.; a collection box is in the narthex.



Monday March 2

4:00pm Gospel Study on zoom
5:30-6:30pm Glee Choir,
6:30-7:30pm Esperanza Youth Choir,
7:30-9pm Sanctuary Choir

Tuesday March 3

6:30pm Handbell rehearsal

Wednesday March 4

10:00am Piece & sew
5:00pm Stephen Ministry
6:00pm Potluck soup dinner
7:00pm Holden Evening Prayer service in English
7:00pm Worship service in Spanish

Thursday March 5

8:00am Sandwich Ministry
10:00am MorningStar

Friday March 6

8am-12pm Food Distribution

LENTEN SERVICES

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

February 25 – 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 Spanish

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