



**everything
[in] between**
a Lenten series in Luke's gospel

Art, reflections, &
poetry for the
season of Lent



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Midweek Lent Worship

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**everything
[in] between**
stranger & neighbor

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A LITURGY OF DOUBT AND HOPE

Worship in a traditional order with words of doubt and hope
from Scripture, poets, and writers.

Opening Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

LSB 427



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

Invocation

Jude 1-2,20-22,25

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:
May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

C: **To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority,
before all time and now and forever. Amen.**

P: We come to be built up in our most holy faith,
building one another up through the Word of God.

God the Father calls on us to have compassion on one another:

C: **"Have mercy on those who doubt."**

P: God the Son calls on us to support one another
as we wait for His mercy that leads to eternal life:

**C: *Jesus is able to keep us from stumbling
and to present us blameless before the presence of his glory
with great joy. Amen.***

Confession of Sins

Based on "Emmanuel" by Aaron Niequist

P: Can we just admit together that we're not fine?

C: *Because I'm not fine, and you're not fine.*

P: Can we just admit together that we're afraid?

C: *Because I'm afraid, and you're afraid.*

P: Can we just admit together that we have doubts?

C: *Because I have doubts, and you have doubts.*

P: Can we just admit together that we're not free?

C: *Because I'm not free, and I want to be.*

P: If you're not free, then call out to God with me:

C: *Emmanuel,*

God with us today,

We humbly call out Your Name:

Emmanuel,

As near as our need,

As close as the air that we breathe,

Emmanuel.

Lord, have mercy.

P: Can we just admit together that we have failed?

C: *Because I have failed, and you have failed.*

P: Can we just admit that our hands aren't clean?

C: *And our hearts aren't clean, and they'll never be.*

P: Until we're freed, and mercy sings.

C: *Emmanuel,*

God with us today,

We desperately cling to Your Name:

Emmanuel,

As near as our need,

As close as the air that we breathe.

Emmanuel.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Absolution (Forgiveness)

Based on liturgy by Bernie Seter and "Emmanuel" by Aaron Niequist

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, which means He does not desire your death. But rather He calls you to turn from your wicked ways and find life in the life of Christ. He has had mercy upon you. He graciously forgives your sins through the death and resurrection of your Lord Jesus Christ. He strengthens you by the power of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful lives according to His will, and will keep you in His grace until that day when He will take you to be with Him for eternity. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

*Emmanuel,
God with us today,
In thanksgiving we praise Your Name:
Emmanuel,
Who came near so we are freed,
As close as the Word that we hear.
Emmanuel.
The Lord has had mercy on us.*

P: Now we can admit together that we've failed,

C: **Because I am forgiven, and you are forgiven.**

P: Now we can admit together that our hands aren't clean,

C: **Because Jesus made me clean, and He made you clean.**

P: If you're now free, then call out to God with me:

C: *Emmanuel,
God with us today,
In thanksgiving we praise Your Name:
Emmanuel.
The Lord has had mercy on us. Amen.*

Collect (Prayer for the 1st Sunday in Lent)

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Today's Reading

Luke 10:25-42 (NET)

²⁵ Now an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you understand it?" ²⁷ The expert answered, "**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.**"

²⁸ Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But the expert, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him up, and went off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, but when he saw the injured man he passed by on the other side. ³² So too a Levite, when he came up to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan who was traveling came to where the injured man was, and when he saw him, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴ He went up to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring olive oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever else you spend, I will repay you when I come back this way.' ³⁶ Which of these three do you think became a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ The expert in religious law said, "The one who showed mercy to him." So Jesus said to him, "Go and do the same."

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him as a guest. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with all the preparations she had to make, so she came up to him and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do all the work alone? Tell her to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is needed. Mary has chosen the best part; it will not be taken away from her."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Collect (Prayer for the Reading)

P: Let us pray. Jesus, You call us to seek Your presence and to serve the world in Your Name. Teach us by Your Holy Spirit to seek You wholeheartedly and to serve You without distraction or self-righteousness. Fill us with Your love, so that we might bring Your Gospel to a broken and hurting world; this we pray in Your Name, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

LSB 980 sts. ref, 2-3

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, Fill us with Your love, Show



us how to serve The neigh-bors we have from You.



2 Neigh-bors are wealth - y and poor, Var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we will serve; These are the ones we will

Refrain



race; Neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
love; All these are neigh-bors to us and You.

Devotion

Confession of Faith (adapted from the Apostles' Creed)

First Nations Version

Our Father and Creator, the One Above Us All,
made all things in the world above and the earth below.

Jesus, his special born Son,
was fathered by the Holy Spirit
and was born into this world through a virgin named Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, a ruler of the Roman people,
who had him nailed to a tree pole, the cross, where he bled to death.
He was buried and then went down to the world of the dead.
On the third day he came back to life, never to die again.
He returned to his Father in the world above
and sat down at his powerful right hand.
One day he will return to this earth to make the final decision
about the eternity of the living and the dead.

After he went to the world above,
Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to us from the Father,
to live in and through us.

There is only one holy and world-wide group of believers in Jesus
—a Sacred Family called his Church.

All of the Holy Spirit's holy people sit together equally in this Family
and share his Sacred Food at his table.

He has forgiven us and set us free from all of our broken ways,
and all who trust in him, even though they cross over to death,
will be brought back to life again,
to a life that will never end. Amen.

Offering

Offertory

Create in Me

LSB 192

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayers of the Church

based on Langston Hughes' poem "Prayer [2]"

P: Gather up
in the arms of your mercy

C: **The sick, the depraved
The desperate, the tired,**

P: All the scum
of our weary city.
Gather up

C: **In the arms of your mercy.**

P: Gather up

C: **In the arms of your love—**

P: Those who expect

C: **No love from above.**

P: For them—for us—

C: **We pray now.**

Pastor then offers the Prayers of the Church

* Jesus reached out to people considered by others to be "scum". We reach out to all people. And we ourselves may even feel like "scum" sometimes. But look at how God responds with love.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

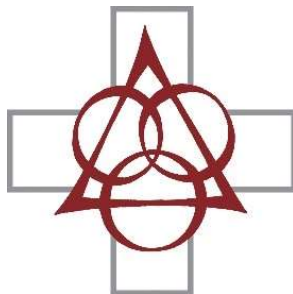
All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction (Blessing)

Colossians 1:19-20

P: God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Jesus Christ, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross. You are reconciled to God the Father, through the work of God the Son, and kept in this faith by God the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**



Closing Hymn

O God of Mercy, God of Might

LSB 852 sts. 1, 3-5



1 O God of mer - cy, God of might, In love and
3 Teach us the les - son Thou hast taught: To feel for
4 All are re - deemed, both far and wide, Since Thou, O
5 In sick - ness, sor - row, want, or care, May we each

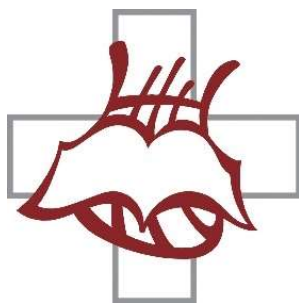


pit - y in - fi - nite, Teach us, as ev - er
those Thy blood hath bought, That ev - 'ry word and
Lord, for all hast died. Grant us the will and
oth - er's bur - dens share; May we, where help is



in Thy sight, To live our lives in Thee.
deed and thought May work a work for Thee.
grace pro - vide To love them all in Thee!
need - ed, there Give help as un - to Thee!

Announcements



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Lenten Devotional Worship Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:15PM

Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent for a series of meditative worship services through the journey of Lent, journeying with Jesus on the way to Jerusalem, the cross, the tomb, and the resurrection.

We will contemplate readings from the Gospel of Luke through the series, "Everything In Between", drawing our attention to God's Word through poetry and art. The series resources are from www.sanctifiedart.org.

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MIDWEEK LENT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12
WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM



SUNDAY, MARCH 16
WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

MIDWEEK LENT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19
WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 23
WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

MIDWEEK LENT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26
WORSHIP (IN SANCTUARY) – 6:30PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 30
WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

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Monday, March 31**



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Name and telephone number [please print]

Total amount enclosed: \$_____

Checks can be written to “Bethel Lutheran Church” and place check (or cash) with the form in an envelope, marked “Easter lilies” and place in the offering plate or turn in at the church office. *****Please include your donation when you submit your form.**

**Remember to take your lily plant(s)
Easter Sunday after the service
or later in the week if you would like to keep it.**