

Drive-In Contemporary Worship

87.9FM

St. Luke Lutheran Church - Pastor Eric Hanson - Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 7, 2021 - 9:45AM

Thank you to Laura Stephanie for leading our music today!

Welcome

Today is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Psalm 118:23)

Announcements *(on back)*

Opening Song: "Open Our Eyes Lord" 2X

**Open Our Eyes Lord, We want to see Jesus
to reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord, We want to see Jesus**

Confession and Forgiveness

As pilgrims on our Lenten journey, we remember and pray,

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love. Blot out my transgressions, wash away my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my sin against you and my neighbors. You are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Yet you created my inmost being and knit me together in my mother's womb. You have said, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." And so cleanse me and I will be clean. Wash me and I will be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Then my lips will declare your praise and my hands will join in your work.

(Adapted from Psalm 51 & Psalm 139)

Our Father who is rich in mercy forgives all our sins. Be empowered to think & live differently.

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22

¹³The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." ¹⁸The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Outreach Sunday School

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "*Change My Heart, O God*" 2X

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

You are the potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me: this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true. Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.

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 he will come to judge the living & 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, & the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.* There is no God before you. Purify the faith of your church, that your people place their trust in nothing beside you. Your name is holy. Guide your church, that in every situation your people's words and actions honor your name. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The heavens declare your glory. Renew your creation. Provide leaders in the struggle for clean air and water; protect creatures and crops that rely on healthy ecosystems; give all people the willingness to repent when our way of life pollutes the earth and skies. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Fill leaders with the foolishness of your peace and mercy. Your law defends the vulnerable. Work through legislators, judicial systems, and systems of law enforcement to protect the wellbeing and freedom of all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Your weakness is stronger than human strength. Protect those who are vulnerable and give courage to all who are suffering, especially Gabriel Ryan, Jo Buck, Ruth Holm, Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, David Roschen, Jim Howard, Naomi Berland, Nancy & Donald Nord, Dean Kirkland, Don & Ella Hadler, Marlene & Lloyd Roschen, Finley Budensiek, Brent Hokanson & Karl Thomforde. Defend victims of crime and bring redemption to those who have harmed others. Give sabbath rest to all who labor. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call us to proclaim Christ crucified. Give clarity to this congregation and our leaders, so that we might follow Christ beyond our own habits and comfort. Clear out anything in our common life that would obscure the gospel or that serves our own interests. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The cross of Christ is your power for all who are being saved. Thank you for all the martyrs whose witness reveals the power of the cross. Give us the same trust in life and in death. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

The Meal

We remember...

The Lord's Prayer

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; & forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; & lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, & the power, and the glory, forever & ever. Amen.

Blessing

May we go forth to serve God and neighbor with gladness. May we hold fast to what is good, strengthen the fainthearted, and support the weak. Be of strong heart and good courage, for the Lord goes with you!

Sending Song: *"The Wonderful Cross"*

**Verse 1: When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Chorus: Oh, the wonderful cross, oh, the wonderful cross bids me come and die,
and find that I may truly live. Oh, the wonderful cross, oh, the wonderful cross;
all who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name.**

**Verse 2: See, from His head, His hands, His feet sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown? [Chorus]**

**Verse 3: Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an off'ring far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!**

Commission

Go in peace to love God and serve your neighbor,
Thanks be to God!

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