



Second Sunday in Lent

10:30 am, Sunday, March 13, 2022

“Blessed is the One Who comes.”

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God’s desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God’s people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God’s face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who “comes in the name of the Lord.”

**GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
MANISTEE, MICHIGAN**

GATHERING

All who are able, please stand at the invitation of the presiding minister.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

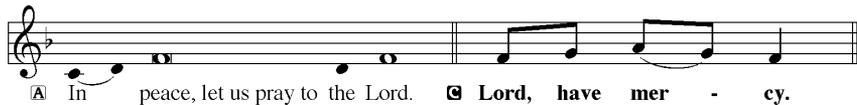
GATHERING HYMN “Bless Now, O God, the Journey” ELW 326

GREETING

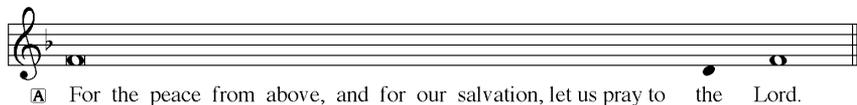
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Sung acapella.



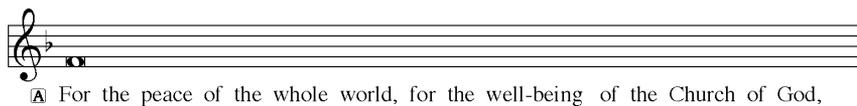
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



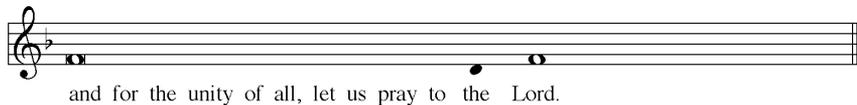
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



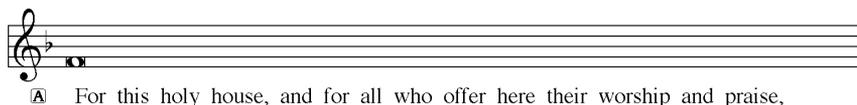
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



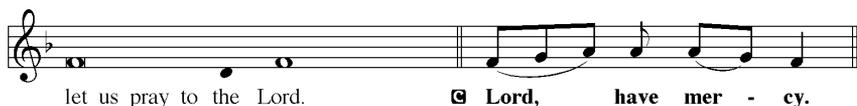
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:

We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray,

Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

All are seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates...."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Spoken by all

Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?

**The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I |
be afraid?**

When evildoers came upon me to eat | up my flesh,

**it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stum- | bled
and fell.**

Though an army should en- | camp against me,

yet my heart shall not | be afraid;

and though war should rise | up against me,
yet will I put my | trust in him.
One thing have I asked of the LORD; one | thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days | of
my life;
to behold the fair beauty | of the LORD
and to seek him | in his temple.
For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe | in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me
high up- | on a rock.
Even now he lifts | up my head
above my enemies | round about me.
Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds | of
great gladness;
I will sing and make music | to the LORD.
Hearken to my voice, O LORD, | when I call;
have mercy on me and | answer me.
You speak in my heart and say, | "Seek my face."
Your face, LORD, | will I seek.
Hide not your | face from me,
nor turn away your servant | in displeasure.
You have been my helper; cast me | not away;
do not forsake me, O God of | my salvation.
Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me,
the LORD | will sustain me.
Show me your | way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because | of my enemies.
Deliver me not into the hand of my | adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those
| who speak malice.
What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness | of the
LORD
in the land | of the living!
Oh, tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall com- | fort your heart;
wait patiently | for the LORD.
Glory to the Father, and | to the Son,
and to the | Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will | be forever. A | - - men.

A reading from Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All who are able, stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
 mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
 stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel comes to us from the Thirteenth Chapter of Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem,

Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

All are seated.

HOMILY

Pastor Greene

A period of silence is kept. Then all who are able, stand to sing the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Seed that in Earth is Dying” ELW 330

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition ends with:

Lord in Your Mercy,

Hear our Prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

GREETING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

After exchanging peace, all are seated.

MEAL

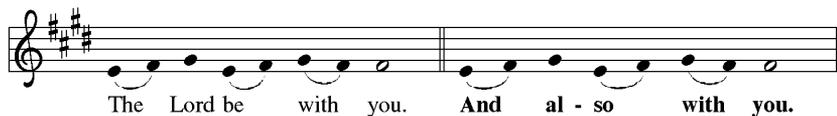
PRAYER

When the table is set, all who are able stand at the minister's invitation.

Let us pray,

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

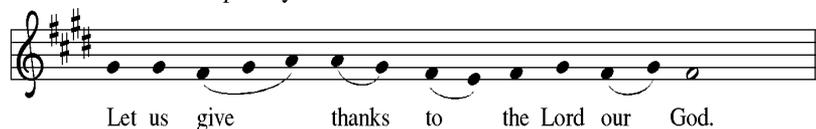
GREAT THANKSGIVING



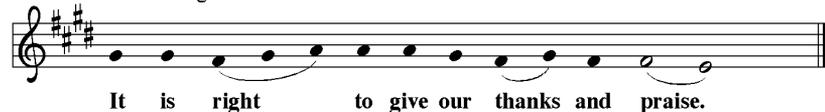
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you,

O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord.
 Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love,
 that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light.
 And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
 Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.
 You have filled all creation with light and life;
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations.
 You rescued Israel, your chosen people.
 Through the prophets you renewed your promise;
 and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son,
 who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom
 and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to commune at the direction of the ushers. When all have partaken, those who are able, stand for the hymn.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

COMMUNION HYMN “Now We Join in Celebration” ELW 462

PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG “My Song is Love Unknown” ELW 343

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

(A congregation of THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH)

521 Cypress Street, Manistee, MI 49660, (231) 723-7161

Website: <http://gslcman.org>, **Email:** gslc49660@gmail.com