

Welcome to Edison Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

10:30 am

Welcome to worship!

Masks are welcome. If you are joining us from your car,
please tune your radio to 98.7 FM or join us for the
livestream via Facebook or our website, elcbow.org.

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Holy Communion

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If you are a visitor with us, thank you for being here. We invite you to sign our attendance book and the guest book in the Narthex. **Children are welcome** in worship. *Children's bulletins* are available from the ushers. Also, Children's Activity Bags, located in the back of the sanctuary on the right side to use during the service.

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday and extend the invitation to all who are baptized to receive Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin.

◆ *indicates the congregation stands as able*

Prayer cards are available in the pews. If you have a prayer concern or a thanks that you would like included in the Prayers of the People, fill out the card and ushers will collect them from end of pews after Prayer of the Day.

Gathering

10:25 am Pre-Service Music for meditation and quiet gathering.

BELL TOLL

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE

"When We Are Tested"

(tune: Slane) - arr. Hal H. Hopson

For the TEXT, see Hymn of the Day, p. 11

◆ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

AM In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

AM 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.
C **Amen.**

AM Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

AM Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

◆ GATHERING HYMN

"As the Winter Days Grow Longer"

ACS 424

All Verses



- 1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;
- 2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,
- 3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light—
lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer—
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:
Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.
Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.

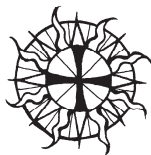


God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody

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◆ GREETING

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

C And also with you.

◆ KYRIE

ELW Setting 9

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of

God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

The first staff of music is in G major (one sharp, F#) and 4/4 time. It contains the following notes: a dotted half note G4, a quarter note A4, a dotted half note B4, a quarter note C5, a dotted half note D5, and a quarter note E5. A slur is placed over the first three notes (G, A, B).

Lord, have mer - cy.

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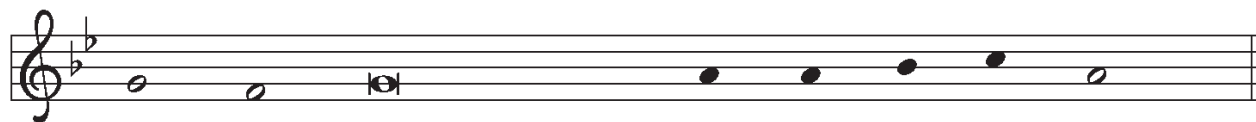
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

◆ PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM 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.

C **Amen.**

(Please pass prayer cards to the aisle.)

Word

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-11

As the people return from their exile in Babylon, the prophet proclaims the grace and mercy of God. Their deliverance comes not as a reward for their good behavior, but like food and drink that is sold without price. God's word to them is not empty, but will bring about the fulfillment of God's promise.

¹Ho, 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. ²Why 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. ³Incline 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. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, 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.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let 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. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 63:1-8

O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)



- ¹ O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land
where there | is no water.
- ² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,**
that I might behold your power | and your glory.
- ³ For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.
- ⁴ **So will I bless you as long | as I live**
and lift up my hands | in your name.
- ⁵ My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,
- ⁶ **when I remember you up- | on my bed,**
and meditate on you in | the night watches.
- ⁷ For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.
- ⁸ **My whole being | clings to you;**
your right hand | holds me fast.



SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign of God's faithfulness.

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.

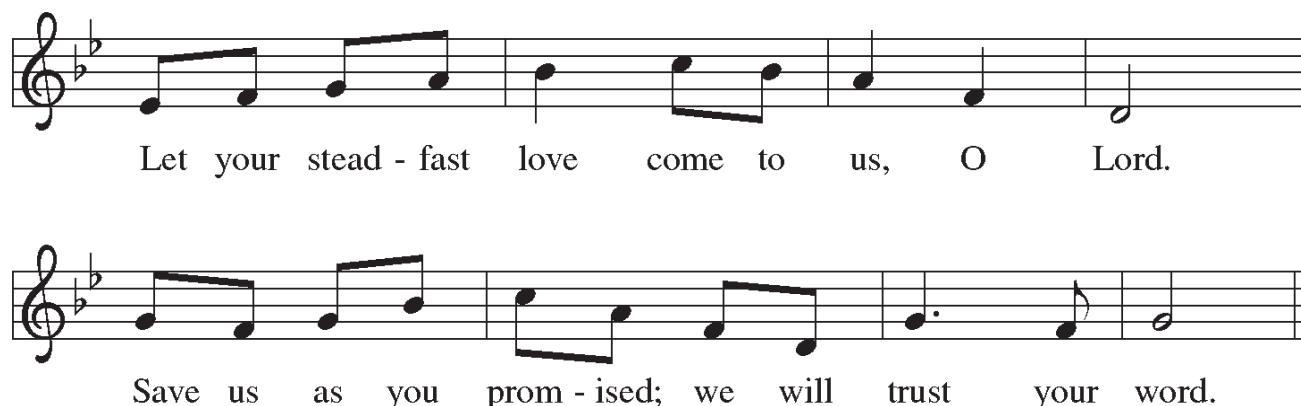
L Word of God. Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.



◆ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 9



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

◆ HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

When asked about some who had recently died due to oppression and accident, Jesus turns the discussion back to the repentance of his hearers. In the parable which follows, Jesus describes a fruitless tree whose fate lies in the hands of the one who tends to it.

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.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON

Pastor John Guthridge
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◆ HYMN OF THE DAY "When We Are Tested"

ACS 922

All Verses



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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Welcome New Members

We celebrate our newest members;

*Jerry & Judi Butterfield, Rodney & Jane Hansen,
Bruce & Debra Lisser, Ric & Paula Peterson, Chuck & Toni Ruhl*



◆ 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 he 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.

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

◆ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AM God in your mercy, **C** **receive our prayer.**

Meal

◆ THE PEACE IS SHARED

AM The peace of the Lord be with you all. **C And also with you.**

*The peace is shared with one another with the words,
“The peace of the Lord,” or similar words.*



OFFERTORY: Choral Anthem “As Rain from the Clouds”

Delores Dufner/Jonathan Spillmann/arr. Thomas Keesecker
For the TEXT, see ELW 508.

◆ THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C 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.

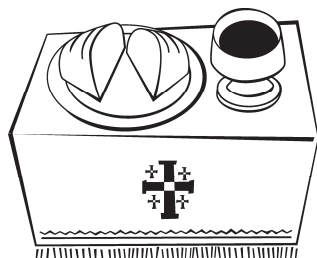
THE OFFERING *The ministry of Edison Lutheran Church is financially supported entirely by the donations of members and visitors. Your gift furthers this congregation’s ministry to those in need, helps foster fellowship, and promotes the spread of the life-giving gospel of Jesus Christ. Donations may be put in the offering plate, sent by mail, or given online by visiting our website or scanning the QR code to the right. We appreciate your generosity!*



COMMUNION All who are baptized in the common faith of Jesus Christ crucified are welcome to receive communion. We believe that the body and blood of our Lord is truly present in the sharing of bread and wine. Children are welcome to commune at the discretion of their parents. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are welcome to receive a blessing. White grape juice is also available.

If you desire to commune at the altar rail: Holy Communion at the altar is served in groups. To prevent crowding, please wait in your place until directed by the Ushers. Be sure to bring your cup with you. At the altar rail, you'll be served a small piece of bread and have wine or grape juice poured into your cup. After you have communed, wait for the pastor to dismiss you back to your place.

If coming forward is difficult: Please let an usher know that you would like to receive communion at your seat. After those coming to the altar have been served, Pastor will bring communion to you at your seat.



◆ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW Setting 9

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.

P "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy

.... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:...."

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting 9

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P In the night in which he was betrayed

Do this for the remembrance of me.

◆ 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;
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.**

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

"Lamb of God"

ELW Setting 9

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.

- "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" - **ELW 623**
- "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" - **ELW 756**
- "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts" - **ELW 658**
- "O Living Bread from Heaven" - **ELW 542**
- "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - **ELW 733**
- "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken" - **ELW 647**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**



◆ SENDING HYMN “Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” **ELW 618**

All Verses



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

◆ SENDING

AM Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"
(tune: Cwm Rhondda) - arr. Hal H. Hopson



Thank you to all who serve in worship!

| | Serving Sunday March 23 | Serving Next Sunday March 30 |
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| Presiding Minister | Pastor John Guthridge | Pastor John Guthridge |
| Music Ministers | Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby | Barbara Fredrickson Peter Blau Ormsby |
| Assisting Minister | Darla Jensen | Mark Johnson |
| Acolyte | Davis Fenimore | Jon Benson |
| Lector | Linda Johnson | Kris Merritt |
| Greeters | Matt Benson Inger Conner | Karson Englund Mark Johnson |
| Ushers | Mark Johnson Larry Forsythe | Keith & Christie Peterson |
| Altar Guild | Nancy Nygren RuthAnne Pocock | RuthAnne Pocock Terri Olsen |
| Fellowship Hosts | Mark & Linda Johnson Katy Olson | Gary & Jenifer Troxel Kris Merritt |
| Council Member of the Day | AnnaLaurie Wattson Lamb | AnnaLaurie Wattson Lamb |

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Edison Lutheran Church - Welcoming.....Nurturing.....Serving



Scripture Readings for next Sunday, March 30, are:

Joshuah 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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