

# *Bay View* Welcome home! **BAY VIEW** LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA



March 12, 2023  
Third Sunday in Lent  
10:30 AM  
Pastor Jeff Greathouse

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who journeys with us these forty days,  
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another  
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess to you our faults and failings.**

**Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;**

**we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;**

**we spoil rather than steward your creation;**

**we cause hurt though you call us to heal;**

**we choose fear over compassion.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,  
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

+ forgives you in Christ's name,

and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN:** *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*  
*(CONSOLATION)* (ELW 319)

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days  
you prayed and kept the fast;  
inspire repentance for our sin,  
and free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and you won;  
your faithfulness endured;  
lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust  
in God's eternal word.
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed  
and fixed your mind above;  
so teach us to deny ourselves

that we may know God's love.

- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,  
and all our earthly days,  
that when the final Easter dawns,  
we join in heaven's praise.

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## **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.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE: *I Sing Praises***

I sing praises to Your name O Lord  
Praises to Your name O Lord  
For Your name is great  
And greatly to be praised  
I sing praises to Your name O Lord  
Praises to Your name O Lord  
For Your name is great  
And greatly to be praised

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Merciful God,

**the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from Exodus.

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 95 *read responsively*

- <sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
- <sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**
- <sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
- <sup>7</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's  
pasture and the sheep of God's hand.  
Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!
- <sup>8</sup>**"Harden not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**
- <sup>9</sup>There your ancestors tested me,

they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know  
my ways.'**

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore in my anger,  
'They shall never come to my rest.' ”

## **SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11**

A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Lenten Acclamation* (ELW 176)**

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

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## **GOSPEL: John 4:5-42**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her,

"Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."

<sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."<sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

<sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him."<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."

<sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he

was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"<sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,<sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"<sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."<sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work."<sup>35</sup> "Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'?" But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.<sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.<sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'<sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."

<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON:** Pastor Jeff Greathouse

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land* (ELW 333)

Refrain

Jesus is a rock in a weary land,  
a weary land, a weary land;  
my Jesus is a rock in a weary land,  
a shelter in a time of storm.

- 1 No one can do like Jesus,  
not a mumbling word he said;  
he went walking down to Lazarus' grave,  
and he raised him from the dead. Refrain
- 2 When Jesus was on earth,

the flesh was very weak;  
he took a towel and girded himself  
and he washed his disciples' feet. Refrain

- 3 Yonder comes my Savior,  
him whom I love so well;  
he has the palm of victory  
and the keys of death and hell. Refrain

Text: African American spiritual

## **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.**

## **MUSIC FOR PRAYERS: *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* (ELW 751)**

O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
when I call, answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer,  
O Lord, hear my prayer:  
come and listen to me.

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.

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## THE PRAYERS

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Remembering in our prayers: **Kevin** (Clark), **Sasha** (Hill), **Larry** (Uecker), **Chuck** (Dull), **Dan** (Knutson), **Gordy** (Haen), **Rich** (Meyer), **Mary** (Honold), **Dick** (Russell), **Stacey** (Greathouse), **Elizabeth** (Canning), **Sandi** (Witkowski), **Kay** (Lyndahl), **Dale** (Lyndahl), **Gail** (Haen), **Darrell** (Askins), **Kaye** (Knutson), **Mike** (Herbst), **Ann** (Kirch-Franklin).

We also pray for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Kaye** (Knutson), **Chelsea** (Roberts), **Mark** (Christianson), **Wade** (Gilbert), **Brad** (Hale), **Lincoln** (Roberts), **Bruce** (Newbern), **Jo** (Schaars), **Nancy** (Haman), **Cheryl & Dave** (DeMeuse).

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## OFFERING:

### MUSIC DURING OFFERING: *Lead Me Lord*

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord,  
for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,  
and the meek shall come to rule the world.

#### Refrain

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,  
by the light of truth  
to seek and to find the narrow way.  
Be my way; be my truth;  
be my life, my Lord,  
and lead me, Lord, today.

2. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs,  
and the pure in heart shall see their God.  
Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill,  
for I say they shall be satisfied.

3. Blest are they who through their lifetimes  
sow the seeds of peace;  
all will call them children of the Lord.  
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,  
for in heaven, great is your reward.

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of good gifts,  
receive these and all our offerings  
as we present them in faithful service  
for the sake of your gospel.  
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal  
as you pour out your very presence  
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.  
**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.  
**And also 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.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS:** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

. Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

## COMMUNION

*As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:*

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: **Amen***

## COMMUNION SONG: *Psalm 19*

Verse

May the words of my mouth  
And the meditations of my heart  
Be pleasing to You pleasing to You  
May the words of my mouth  
And the meditations of my heart  
Be pleasing to You my God

Chorus

You're my Rock and my Redeemer  
You're the reason that I sing  
I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes  
Ev'ry hour ev'ry moment  
Lord I want to be Your servant  
I desire to be a blessing  
In Your eyes in Your eyes

Ending

May the words of my mouth  
And the meditations of my heart  
Be pleasing to You my God

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## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God,  
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.  
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,  
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors

and touch the world with your love.

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

God, the giver of love,  
+ Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.

**Amen.**

### **CLOSING SONG: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* (ELW 547)**

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing,  
our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended.  
Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching,  
receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us,  
your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving  
to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—  
our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us,  
with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve in love.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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