

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Greeley, CO

## TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent– March 15, 2026 – 8:30 A.M.

*We rejoice in your presence with us today at this service of Holy Communion.*

*Please silence cell phones during worship.*

*The congregation's response is printed in **BOLD type**.*

*\* = Please stand at your discretion.*

**Introduction:** This week, we focus on Christ's call to care for the vulnerable. From Deuteronomy's mandate to care for the immigrant, widow, and orphan, to Jesus lifting children and the forgotten, Scripture consistently reminds us of our own vulnerability. We have all relied on the protection and care of others. Living out the good news means ensuring that anyone vulnerable is not only protected from harm but given the chance to thrive.

### GATHERING

PRELUDE

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

ELW #781

*The congregation is invited to sing along with the handbells.*

WELCOME

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God said, “When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them.”

God said, “When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.”

Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them.”

**We confess, we overlook the vulnerable in our midst.**

**We do not care for all our neighbors in need.**

**We have kept the good news to ourselves.**

Fortunately for all of us, God also said,

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.”

**By God's grace, despite our sin and shortcomings,**

**we are redeemed, claimed, forgiven, and loved.**

May this good news change our lives!

**Amen.**

\*HYMN

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

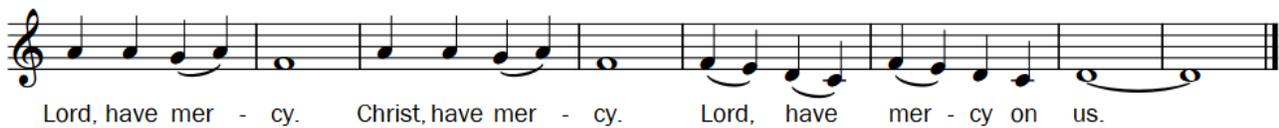
ELW #522 (Verses 1, 2, 4)

\*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.**

\*KYRIE (sing twice)



\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy One, sometimes the simplest of your commands are the hardest for us to hear. You say, “Love your enemy.” “Care for the widow and the orphan.” And we want to know: How? When? Where? Today, as we turn to your word, open up space in us to simply hear your truth for what it is. Open up space in our hearts to dream new dreams, to imagine new realities, to draw closer to you and close to love. With hope for a better tomorrow, we listen, we pray. Amen.

**WORD**

READING

Deuteronomy 24:17-22

Gene Plampin

<sup>17</sup>You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow’s garment in pledge. <sup>18</sup>Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this. <sup>19</sup>“When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings. <sup>20</sup>When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. <sup>21</sup>When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. <sup>22</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

PSALM 23 (read responsively with leader)

Bill Kindel

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;**  
<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name’s sake.  
<sup>4</sup>**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.**  
<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.**

ANTHEM

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth (*Enviado soy de Dios*)”  
*Ringers of Praise*

arr. by Cathy Moklebust

Kirk Vogel, guitar | Jeremy Jacobus, bongos | Kaycee Hulslander, congas | Brayden Malani, claves

\*GOSPEL Matthew 19:13-15

*Response after the announcement: “Glory to you, O Lord!”*

<sup>13</sup>Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, <sup>14</sup>but Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” <sup>15</sup>And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

*Response after the reading: “Praise to you, O Christ!”*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON “The good news is... protection and care for the vulnerable” Pastor Deb Abbott  
*Silence for reflection*

\*HYMN OF THE DAY “When the Poor Ones (*Cuando el pobre*)” ELW #725 (Verses 1, 2, 4)  
Leader sings first in Spanish  
All are invited to sing verses 1, 2, and 4 in English

\*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 again 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.**

PRAYERS (*each petition concludes:*)

... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Prayers for healing and strength for: Michelle Weymouth, Ron Anderson*

\*PEACE/TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE MOMENT

\*OFFERING PRAYER

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

\*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.**

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*This is Christ's table, and all are welcome here. Come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisles. For those who wish, white grape juice is available in the center cups. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Adults and children who are not communing may come forward for a blessing.*

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC: "Lamb of God"  
"Jesus Loves Me"

ELW #195  
ELW #595

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

### **SENDING**

\*BLESSING (response: "**Amen!**")

\*SENDING HYMN "Go, My Children, With My Blessing" **ELW #543** (Verses 1 and 3)

\*ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL (response: "**Thanks be to God!**")

\*POSTLUDE "Bonse Aba" Zambian Folk Hymn, arr. by Doug Wagner  
*Translation: "All who sing with the spirit have the right to be called the children of God."*

***Thank you to Linda Danley for sponsoring today's complimentary coffee and cookies in memory of her mother, Lois Reynolds' birthday. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between services.***

### Assisting in worship

Pastor: Rev. Deb Abbott  
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Scripture readings next Sunday: Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 130, John 8:2-11

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