

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Greeley, CO

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First Sunday in Lent – March 9, 2025 – 8:30 A.M.

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

*Please silence cell phones and pagers during worship.*

*ELW = red EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP hymnal  
Hymn numbers (#) refer to the main hymn section  
The congregation's response is printed in **BOLD type**  
\* = Please stand at your discretion*

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## GATHERING

WELCOME  
PRELUDE

“Lord Jesus, Think on Me”

arr. David Cherwien

\*HYMN

“The Glory of These Forty Days”

**ELW # 320**

\*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

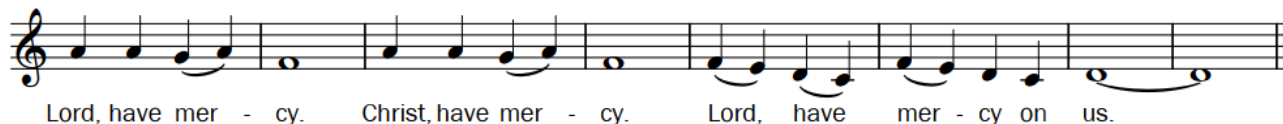
**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care.

Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the  
love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

\*KYRIE (*sing twice*)



## WORD

READING

Deuteronomy 30:8-14

Michelle Weymouth

<sup>8</sup>Then you shall again obey the LORD, observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, <sup>9</sup>and the LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>11</sup>Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, I give my life to you.

<sup>2</sup> **I trust in you, my God!**

**Do not let me be disgraced,  
or let my enemies rejoice in my defeat.**

<sup>3</sup> No one who trusts in you will ever be disgraced,  
but disgrace comes to those who try to deceive others.

<sup>4</sup> **Show me the right path, O Lord;  
point out the road for me to follow.**

<sup>5</sup> Lead me by your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God who saves me.  
All day long I put my hope in you.

<sup>6</sup> **Remember, O Lord, your compassion and unfailing love,  
which you have shown from long ages past.**

<sup>7</sup> Do not remember the rebellious sins of my youth.  
Remember me in the light of your unfailing love,  
for you are merciful, O Lord.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord is good and does what is right;  
he shows the proper path to those who go astray.**

<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in doing right,  
teaching them his way.

<sup>10</sup> **The Lord leads with unfailing love and faithfulness  
all who keep his covenant and obey his demands.**

\*GOSPEL

Luke 10:25-37

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

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>26</sup>He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” <sup>27</sup>He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” <sup>37</sup>He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

“Stranger & Neighbor”

Pastor Deb Abbott

*Silence for reflection*

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord of all Nations, Grant Me Grace”

**ELW # 716**

PRAYERS (each petition concludes:)

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

*Prayers for healing and strength for: Cindy Percy, Angie Armstrong  
Prayers of sympathy for the families of: Al Baker, Carrie McNamara*

\*PEACE

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

“MAKING A DIFFERENCE” MOMENT

**MEAL**

\*OFFERING / PRAYER

Gracious Provider,  
**you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

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\*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

*Communion is open to all who receive it as the presence of Christ. 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 by mentioning your preference to the pastor or server. Adults and children who are not communing may come forward for a blessing.*

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC: “Lamb of God”  
“Thy Holy Wings”

**ELW # 195  
ELW # 613**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

**SENDING**

\*BLESSING (response: “**Amen!**”)

\*SENDING HYMN “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

**ELW # 319**

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

\*POSTLUDE “Toccatà in E Minor” Johann Pachelbel

**Thank you to Gene Plampin for sponsoring today’s complimentary coffee and cookies in memory of his sister Cindy’s birthday. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between services.**

**You may contact the church office at 970-352-4816 if you have specific needs or prayer requests, or if you can help in any way.**

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Scripture readings next Sunday: Genesis 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Luke 10:38-42

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