

**Fourth Sunday in Lent
Family Service
March 31, 2019**



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ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Gathering

Prelude "Blessing from Heaven"

Lindy Kerby

Welcome

**Confession
and
Forgiveness** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us,
anoint us,
and make us new.
Amen.

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin,
and receive God's promise of mercy.

God at the margins,

*We have wandered far from your home;
again and again, we lose our way.*

We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.

*We forget that you have saved your people before
and promise to do so again.*

*Do not remember the deeds of our past,
but turn our faces toward the future,
where your forgiveness is sure,
your welcome is clear,
and your love overflows. Amen.*

Like a hen who gathers her chicks,
God embraces you in tender care.

Like manna in the desert,

God feeds you with surprising mercy.

Like a loving parent,

God runs to meet you again this day,

forgiving your sins for the sake of ✝ Christ,
leading you from death into life. *Amen.*

Peace P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

Gathering

Song “Here I Am to Worship” *(please see insert)*

Prayer of the Day God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Word

First Reading **Joshua 5: 9 - 12**

By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm Song “Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land”

ELW 333

**Children’s
Message**

Second 2 Corinthians 5: 16 - 21

Reading *One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.*

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Choir

Anthem "I'm Crazy"

Lenny LeBlanc

Gospel

Acclamation



Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

Gospel P: The Holy Gospel as it is recorded in **Luke**.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Luke 15: *Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believed it was his obedience that earned his place in the father's home.*

(Text will be read by multiple characters)

Hymn of the
Day “Everlasting Love”

**Your Everlasting Love Is Higher, Higher
Higher Than The Sky
Your Everlasting Love Is Higher, Higher
Higher Than The Sky Higher Than The Sky
Oh The Wonder Of Your Everlasting Love
Is Higher Than The Sky**

**Your Everlasting Love Is Deeper, Deeper
Deeper Than The Sea
Your Everlasting Love Is Deeper, Deeper
Deeper Than The Sea Deeper Than The Sea
Oh The Wonder Of Your Everlasting Love
Is Deeper Than The Sea**

**Your Everlasting Love Is Reaching Reaching
Reaching Out To Me
Your Everlasting Love Is Reaching Reaching
Reaching Out To Me, Reaching Out To Me
Oh The Wonder Of Your Everlasting Love
Is Reaching Out To Me**

Affirmation of Faith *You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.*

*You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.*

*You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.*

You are God. We worship you.

Prayers of P: ...hear us. O God,
Intercession C: *Your mercy is great.*

Meal

Offering

Hymn "To God Our Thanks We Give"

ELW 682

Offering

Prayer

Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. *Amen.*

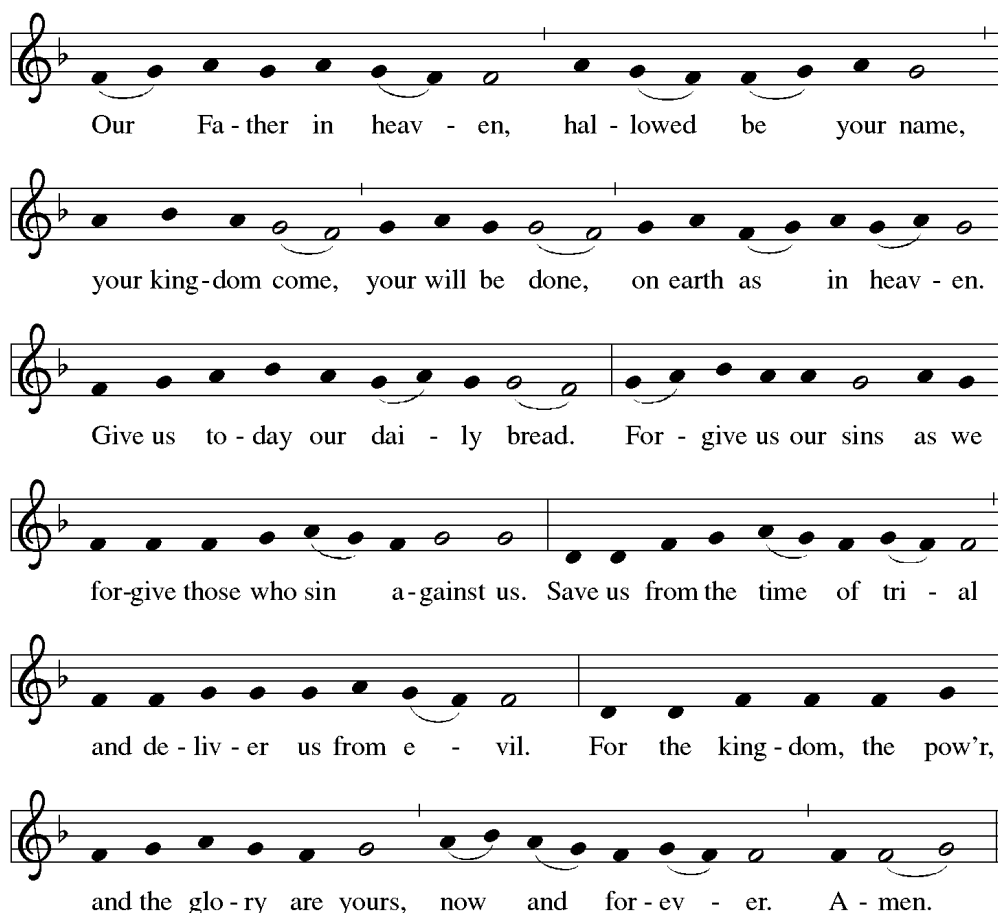
The Great P: The Lord be with you.
Thanksgiving C: *And also with you.*

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Thanksgiving at the Table In the night...Amen.

Lord's Prayer



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Invitation to P: Christ has prepared the feast.

Communion Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

Communion

Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together"

ELW 471

Prayer After Communion Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Song after
Communion** “Send Me, Jesus”

ELW 549

1 *Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na, Nko - si yam.*
2 *Ndi - ya vu - ma, ndi - ya vu - ma, ndi - ya vu - ma, Nko - si yam.*
1 *Send me, Je - sus; send me, Je - sus; send me, Je - sus; send me, Lord.*
2 *I am will-ing; I am will-ing; I am will-ing, will - ing, Lord.*

Sending

Blessing God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, bless you and bring you to life everlasting. *Amen.*

Sending Song “My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

ELW 763

Dismissal **P:** Go in peace. Remember the poor.
C: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude “You’ll Never Walk Alone”

R. Rodgers

(Please remain seated or leave quietly. Thank you.)



The altar flowers today have been placed to the glory of God and in loving memory of Luci Werner by the Werner-Dash family.

SERVING US TODAY

Assisting Minister/Leader	James Suknundun
Audio	Paul McCutcheon
Musicians	“No Fixed Address” House Band
Lectors	Chantal Fergin, Alexa Luciani
Greeters	Sunday School Children
Ushers	Team # 3
Altar	Inge Brauer
Communion Server	Vashti Suknundun
Counter	Dave Brown
Coffee Set-up / Clean-up	Les & Lina Piller / Doris Pascoe, Aline Kouhi-Klemencic
Baked Goods	Doris Pascoe, Aline Kouhi-Klemencic

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THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP’S

DAY	TIME	PROGRAM
Monday	11:00 am	Euchre
	1:00 pm	Senior’s Fitness
	2:30 or 7:00 pm	Lenten Study
	7:15 pm	Joyful Noise Bell Choir
Tuesday	5:00 - 6:30 pm	Homework Club
Wednesday	10:00 am	Cover Girls Sewing Group
	6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer
	7:30 pm	Choir
Friday	6:30 pm	Yoga

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our prayers....

Janet Biernacki, Beverly Binhammer, Rodney Erlandson, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Eleonore Ritthaler, Janice Rouse, Elga Smidt, George Willis, Judith Wilson, and Hugh Wood.

TODAY @ 11:30 am: LUNCH AND LEARN: Human Trafficking with speaker, Steve Elshaw, of Fight4Freedom, an anti-human trafficking ministry that is dedicated to battling human trafficking in the sex-trade and seeing victims free.



EASTER FLOWERS – CLAY FUNDRAISER: We are selling hydrangeas, Easter lilies, tulips, hyacinths, and daffodils. Please place your order with our youth by **March 31st**. Order forms are available in the narthex. Thank you.



Wednesday, April 3rd @ 6:00 pm: Lenten Soup Supper with Holden Evening Prayer @ 7:00 pm.

Saturday, April 6th @ 9:30 am: KAIROS: Facing Our Environmental Challenges in 2019 at St. James United Church, 400 Burnhamthorpe Rd.

Sunday, April 7th @ 4:00 pm: Evangel Hall dinner.

Thursday, April 11th: 50 + lunch and tour of “Hearthstone by the Bay”. Lunch \$20. Please see sign-up sheet to arrange for carpooling. Thank you.

Friday, April 12th @ 7:00 pm: SPY – “Stress Management Tips for Teens”.

Sunday, April 14th: Please pick up your orders for Easter flowers.

Tuesday, April 16th @ 12:30 pm: SPLC Book Club. New members welcome.

VISION STATEMENT

*We are a diverse and inclusive Lutheran faith community freed by the grace of Christ to find God and self as we connect with our neighbours. We **practise** hospitality of open hearts and open arms. We **unite** with partners to make a difference in our neighbourhood. We **nurture** community of Christ.*

"Here I Am to Worship"

E B sus4

1. Light of the world, You stepped
 2. King of all days Oh so

F#m

down in - to dark - ness
 high - ly ex - al - - ted,

E B sus4 A2

o - pened my eyes, let me see
 Glor - ious in hea - ven a - bove.

E B sus4 F#m

beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You,
 Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,

E B sus4 A2

hope of a life spent with You.
 all for love's sake be - came poor.

Chorus:

B7 E

So here I am to wor - ship, Here I am to

B/D E/G#

bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God.

A E

You're al - to - ge - ther love - ly, al - to - geth - er

B/D

wor - thy, al - to - ge - ther

E/G# A

won - der - ful to me.

Bridge:

A B/D# E/G#

And I'll ne - ver know how much

A B/D# E/G#

it cost to see my sin u - pon

A B sus4

that cross. And I'll ne -

B/D# E/G# A

ver know how much it cost to see

B/D# E/G# A B sus4

my sin u - pon that cross.