



Zeit ist Gnade – “Time is grace”
(Wechold Church Tower, Lower Saxony, Germany)

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 20, 2022

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m.

Covid Policies

Vaccinations are urged for all who qualify, for the good of all.
Masks are optional.

EXTRA PRECAUTIONS AREA

The northeast quadrant of the sanctuary is set aside for worshipers who are taking extra precautions to protect themselves and others.

1. Masks are required.
2. A physical distance of at least six feet must be maintained.
3. If the peace is exchanged, worshipers must still remain at least six feet away from those who are not members of their household.

OFFERING

We are currently not passing the offering plates within the worship service, to avoid possible Covid transmission. We have an offering plate on the table in the entrance foyer. Please place your offering there as you enter or leave the sanctuary.

Alternately, you can mail your check to our office. Or donate safely and securely online at **www.doveofpeacetucson.org/donate**.

Thank you for your generous support of our congregation and our work.

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship Holy Communion Setting Five

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen Springer

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

PROLOGUE

Pamela Decker, pipe organ

Come, Ye Disconsolate
J. Bert Carlson (1937-2017)

The Reverend J. Bert Carlson was a pastor, musician, composer, and arranger. As a pastor, he served various congregations for over 50 years. He was active as a composer of choral and organ literature. He was also the faithful human companion of an English bulldog named Sir Winston. The work in the position of prologue today is a lovely musical meditation on the tune and text of today's gathering hymn.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Silence for reflection.

Holy One,
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

**Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.
In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

Amen.



1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish;
2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
3 Here see the Bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing



come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure;
forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.



Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
"Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

Text: Thomas Moore, 1779–1852, sts. 1–2; Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872, st. 3
Music: CONSOLATOR, Samuel Webbe Sr., 1740–1816

***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**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, 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 unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

A reading from Isaiah.

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (ELW): Psalm 63:1-8

The refrain is first introduced by the leader, then repeated by the assembly.



Psalm 63:1

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- ¹O God, you are my God; eager-¹ ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there¹ is no water.
- ²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your¹ holy place,
that I might behold your power¹ and your glory.**
- ³For your steadfast love is better than¹ life itself;
my lips shall¹ give you praise.
- ⁴**So will I bless you as long¹ as I live
and lift up my hands¹ in your name. REFRAIN**
- ⁵My spirit is content, as with the rich-¹ est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with¹ joyful lips,
- ⁶**when I remember you up-¹ on my bed,
and meditate on you in¹ the night watches.**
- ⁷For you have¹ been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I¹ will rejoice.
- ⁸**My whole being¹ clings to you;
your right hand¹ holds me fast. REFRAIN**

SECOND READING: I 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.

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

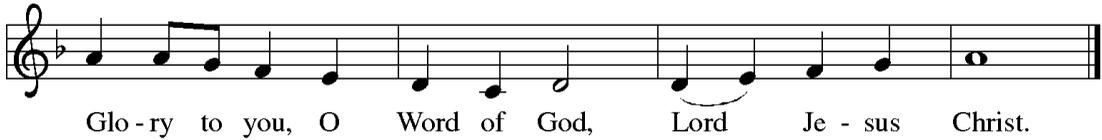
⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

¹¹These 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. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly sings the acclamation before and after the verse of the day.



Cantor: Jesus began ¹ to proclaim,*
Repent, for the kingdom of heaven ¹ has come near. [Matt 4:17]

***GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9**

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

The Holy Gospel According to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹At 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?³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or 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? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then 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. ⁷So 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?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Miguel Gomez-Acosta

Director for Evangelical Mission

and Bishop's Associate for Congregational Vitality

Grand Canyon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*HYMN OF THE DAY

As the Deer Runs to the River

ELW 613



- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

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Music: JULION, David Hurd, b. 1950

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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each petition concludes, “Lord in your, mercy,”
and the assembly responds, “**Hear our prayer.**”*

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

After the assembly and the presiding minister exchange the peace, you are welcome to share the peace with others. Please do not presume that shaking hands or other touch is suitable for everyone. There is no physical exchange of peace in the extra precautions (NE) quadrant of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

*(In-person worshipers may place their contributions in the offering plate
in the church foyer before or after worship.)*

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Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts
Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Upon the death of Queen Mary II, in 1694, British composer Henry Purcell composed his final major sacred work (he would die in November 1695). Purcell's Music for the Funeral of Queen Mary alternates instrumental and sung movements, including the often-excerpted Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts, the text of which from the Book of Common Prayer.

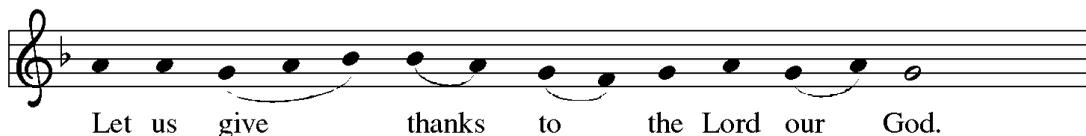
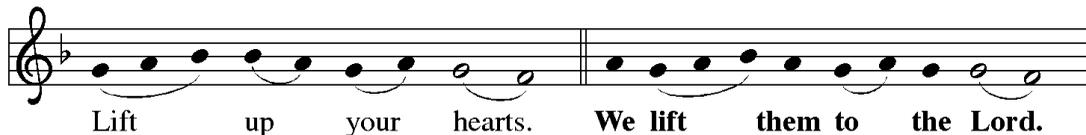
Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal,
suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death,
to fall from Thee. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Extravagant God,
you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.
Now we gather at your feast
where you offer us the food that satisfies.
Take and use what we offer here, come among us,
and feed us with the body and blood of Christ,
in whose name we pray.
Amen.

*DIALOGUE

Setting Five



*PREFACE (Lent)

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:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Setting Five



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

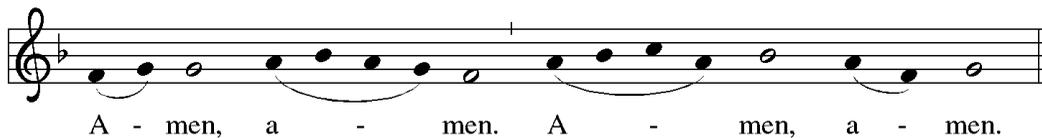


Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.



***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*If you wish, you may join hands with members of your own household.
Please do not join hands with others unless you have prior consent.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

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. A - men.

***INVITATION TO THE MEAL**

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

The assembly sits. Worshipers who wish to receive communion may approach the altar (see guidelines below)

Option One: Communion by intinction

Worshipers may stand or kneel at the altar rail, and then may lower their mask to receive communion. The bread wafer will be placed in your hand by the pastor. When the chalice is offered, you may dip the tip of the wafer into the wine, and then consume the wafer.

Option Two: Packaged wafer

A sealed packet will be available at (or near) the baptismal font. It contains a host wafer which you may receive when you return to your seat.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Pamela Decker, pipe organ

Fugue on "Beach Spring"
Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)

Wayne L. Wold served for many years as College Organist and Professor of Music at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland. He currently is on the faculty at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia, and is also Director of Music Ministry at First Lutheran Church of Ellicott, Maryland. He is an active performer (organist and harpsichordist) and a published composer of choral music and organ literature. His fugal treatment of the "Beach Spring" hymn tune is linear, lyrical, and elegant; the tune is the melodic material for the sending hymn in today's service.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.

Amen.

COMMISSION

The Lord sends us forth into his world.

***BLESSING**

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.

Amen.



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev-ers bur-dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen-tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939
 Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844
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Voluntary in A minor
John Stanley (1722-1786)

Charles John Stanley was born in London and remained in England for his entire career. At 17 he was the youngest person to earn a Bachelor of Music degree at Oxford University. At 22 he secured his appointment as organist of the Society of the Inner Temple, an ancient church that attracted the frequent attendance of a colleague who enjoyed Stanley's playing: George Frideric Handel. Stanley composed music for organ and harpsichord, along with choral works in the oratorio genre. The Voluntary in A minor has a solemn, slow prelude section that leads to a sizable "Allegro" movement.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Dianne Huston, assisting minister

Chris Alexander, lector

Eric Holtan, cantor

Pamela Decker, organist

In our prayers...

Member **Craig Priest**, receiving in-patient physical therapy at Catalina Post Acute Care and Rehabilitation.

Member **Lorraine Sandven**, receiving rehab therapy at Life Care Center after hospitalization for pneumonia.

Join our email prayer chain by going to
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Submit a prayer request by going to
doveofpeacetucson.org/prayer



Our altar flowers today...

Are given by Dottie Hess to the glory of God and in loving memory of her brother Don Lessiter.

Easter is coming soon!

You can order flowers for \$20 using the yellow form found in the front foyer of the church. Flowers will adorn the sanctuary for the 9:30 a.m. service and livestream, and can be taken home immediately after. **Easter is Sunday, April 17, 2022.**

Dove of Peace Special Offering **Lutheran Disaster Response: Eastern European Crisis**

As many as three million Ukrainians are seeking refuge in neighboring countries including Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Moldova and over 1 million people are displaced within Ukraine.

There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter and such basic necessities as food, water and toiletries. Care for people also includes pastoral and psychological support to address the trauma they've endured.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits.

100% of the money given to this LDR appeal will be used to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.

We are preparing a congregational gift to the LDR campaign. **Members of Dove of Peace have already contributed \$2,600 to this gift!**

Our collection will culminate in two weeks with our charity concert on April 3, 2022. You can give to this campaign by check today, or online:



<https://bit.ly/36akjXI>

or

doveofpeacetucson.org/donate (then “click here to contribute in the Vanco webpage”)

Join us Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. for our final concert of the series, featuring **The Oracle Piano Trio**, resident artists here at Dove of Peace Lutheran Church!

*Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, **we stay to provide ongoing assistance** to those in need.*

A prayer recited by Pope Francis on March 16.
The prayer was composed by Archbishop Domenico Battaglia of Naples.

Forgive us for the war, Lord.

Lord Jesus, son of God, have mercy on us sinners.

Lord Jesus, born under the bombs of Kyiv, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, dead in the arms of a mother in Kharkiv, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, in the 20-year-olds sent to the frontline, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, who continues to see hands armed with weapons under the shadow of the cross, forgive us, Lord.

Forgive us if, not content with the nails with which we pierced your hand, we continue to drink from the blood of the dead torn apart by weapons.

Forgive us if these hands that you had created to protect have been turned into instruments of death.

Forgive us, Lord, if we continue to kill our brother. Forgive us, Lord, if we continue to kill our brother, if we continue like Cain to take the stones from our field to kill Abel.

Forgive us if we go out of our way to justify cruelty, if, in our pain, we legitimize the cruelty of our actions. Forgive us the war, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, son of God, we implore you to stop the hand of Cain, enlighten our conscience, let not our will be done, do not abandon us to our own doing. Stop us, Lord, stop us, and when you have stopped the hand of Cain, take care of him also. He is our brother.

O Lord, stop the violence. Stop us, Lord. Amen.

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