

YOU, GOD, ARE MY GOD,  
EARNESTLY I SEEK YOU;  
I THIRST FOR YOU,  
MY WHOLE BEING LONGS FOR  
YOU,  
IN A DRY AND PARCHED LAND  
WHERE THERE IS NO WATER.

PSALM 63:1

**Arlington Hills Lutheran Church**  
**March 20, 2022**

# Third Sunday of Lent

## March 20, 2022

### Introduction

*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!*

### Prelude

"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty" (hymn tune Beach Spring)

arr. Dale Wood

### Welcome and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

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

**Amen.**

.....*Silence is kept for reflection*.....

P: Holy One,

**C: 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.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn LBW# 358 1,2,4 “Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”**

**Greeting**

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

C: **And also, with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray,

C: **Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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: 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.*

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.

**Psalm 63:1-8** (*spoken responsively*)

*O God, eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you. (Ps. 63:1)*

1O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where  
there is no water.  
2**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.**  
3For your steadfast love is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.  
4**So will I bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name.**  
5My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
6**when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.**  
7For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
8**My whole being clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.**

**Second Reading: 1 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.*

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.

**P: “Word of God, word of life,”**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** (*please stand as you are able*)

**Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**

**P:** The holy gospel according to Luke the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.*

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”<sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or 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? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

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

**P:** This is the gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.** (*Please be seated*)

**Hymn of the Day** ELW #358 vs 1,3,4 “Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty”

**Apostles’ Creed**

**All: 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.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Assisting Minister**

AM: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

**Offering**

**Offering Anthem**

“Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land”

*Pick Up Choir*

arr. Thomas Keesecker

**Offering Prayer**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

**Holy Communion**

**Words of Institution**

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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**

### **Prayer after Communion**

**P:** 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.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** ELW# 611 vs 1-3 “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Says”

**Blessing**

P: You are children of God,  
anointed with the oil of gladness  
and strengthened for the journey.  
Almighty God,  
motherly, majestic, and mighty,  
✠ bless you this day and always.

C: **Amen.**

*We invite the congregation to remain seated to enjoy the postlude*

**Postlude**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

hymn tune “Kingsfold”  
arr. Dale Wood

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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**Leading Worship Today**

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Mitch Kinsinger

**Pulpit Supply:** Pastor Jeremy Bork

**Organist/Pianist:** Barbara Rossow

**Assisting Ministers:** Pam Wiehe and Diane Allmendinger

**Livestream Producer:** Silvester Vicic

**Worship Assistants:**

**Ushers:** Florence and Dennis Rasmusson

**Hospitality:** Pam Wiehe and Diane Allmendinger

**Office:** Carol Hansen

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*Our service today will be live streamed if anyone would like to view our new website or be connected to Facebook.*

From [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com).

**Please pray this week for AHLC Members and friends:** Clair and Dona Haberman, Jackie Staples, Dean Anderson, Richard Johnson, Priscilla Reeve, Jerry Ekblad, Gary Winter, Betty Richter, Ron Hanson, Velta Krauze, Joanne Policone, Shirley Johnson, Margaret Cleary, MaryAnn Wistrom, John Lind, John Hollman, Deb Perry, Esther Hallgren, Jan Kowitz, Richard Edge, Jerry Schaber, Sharon Anderson, Tom Nyman and Roy Wong.

### **Pulpit Supply Today**

Rev. Jeremy Bork is the Director of Programming & Communications at Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center in Farmington, MN. Jeremy has previously served as Chaplain at Camp Fowler in the Adirondack Mountains of New York and Minister for Youth at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids, MI. Jeremy is a graduate of Northwestern College, Western Theological Seminary, and an ordained minister in the Reformed Church of America. Jeremy lives with his husband Ian and their cat Richie where they are enjoying making Minnesota home.

### **March Birthdays**

- 3 Carol Hansen
- 6 Chris Anderson
- 6 Nancy Seagren
- 6 Nancy Swanson
- 12 Alexander Connors
- 12 Ethan Peterson
- 18 Lu Warn
- 21 Cheryl Hollman
- 25 Carol Baldwin
- 27 Linda McInerney
- 28 Amanda Grace
- 28 Justin Hanson
- 29 Esther Hallgren
- 29 Priscila Wieken
- 31 Jacqueline Spiess

### **Anniversaries**

- 10 Ron and Sharon Hanson 60 years
- 12 Kevin and Priscila Wieken 12 years
- 21 John and Cheryl Hollman 28 years
- 24 David and Nancy Seagren 49 years



**Let's fill the ship of food. During the month of March we will be collecting food for the East side food shelf.**

**Can we collect 2022 lbs. of food and monetary contributions? We can do it!**

**Bring any food contributions on Sunday or Monday thru Thursday. 9-3. Thank you to everyone for their help.**

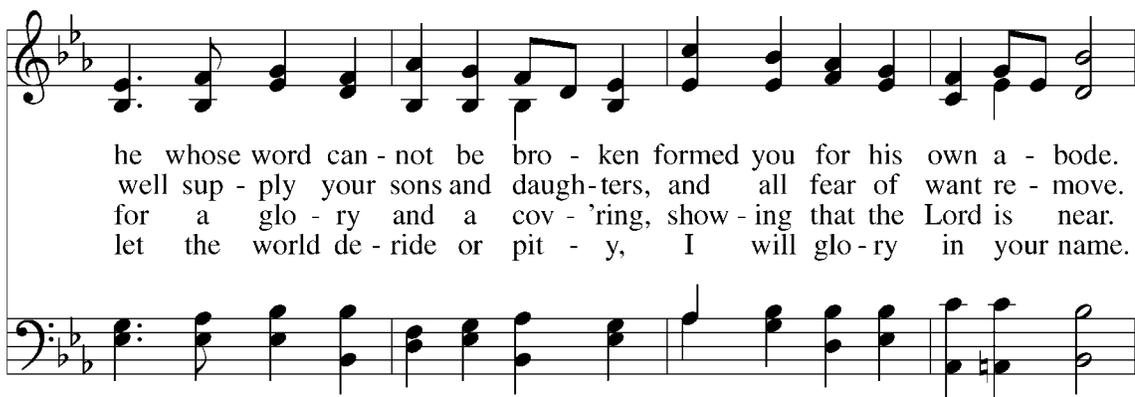
Easter Memorial Garden forms are available in the office or the bulletin. Please turn in to the office by April 11<sup>th</sup>.

"Aluminum Can Collection, CANS for MISSION - is scheduled (*after Easter*) Saturday and Sunday - April 23 & 24 - 9 a.m. - 11a.m. in the church parking lot. Before that, cans can be dropped at 1859 Arcade Street - at your convenience. Thanks for support of our companion congregation of IDEGENDA.

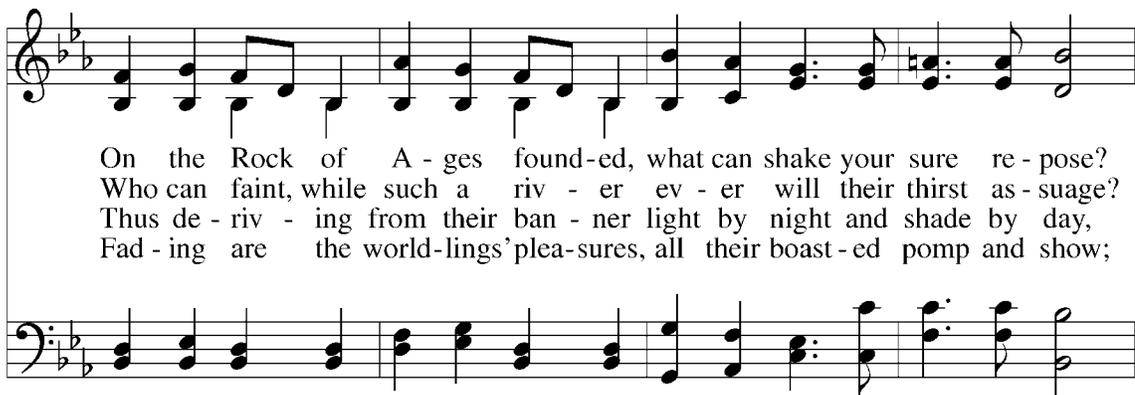
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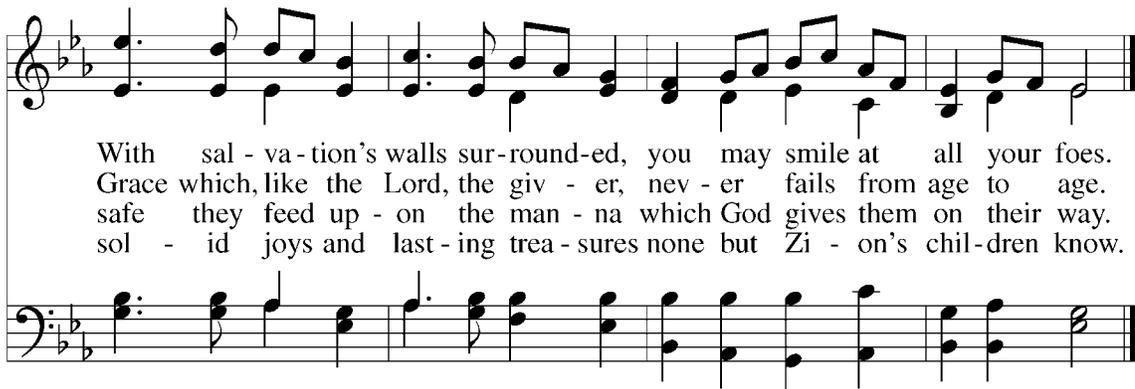
1 Glo - ries of your name are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;  
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,  
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a mem - ber am,



he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed you for his own a - bode.  
well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move.  
for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in your name.

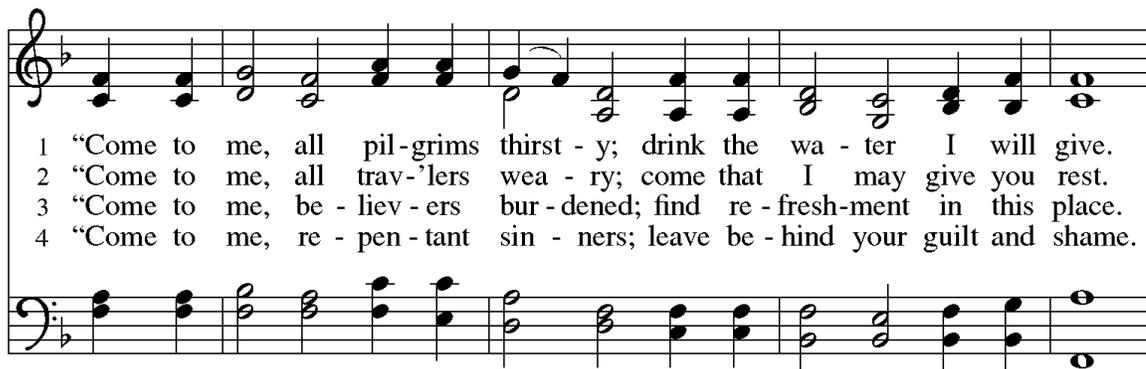


On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose?  
Who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage?  
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
Fad - ing are the world - lings' plea - sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.  
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.  
sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

## Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty



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.

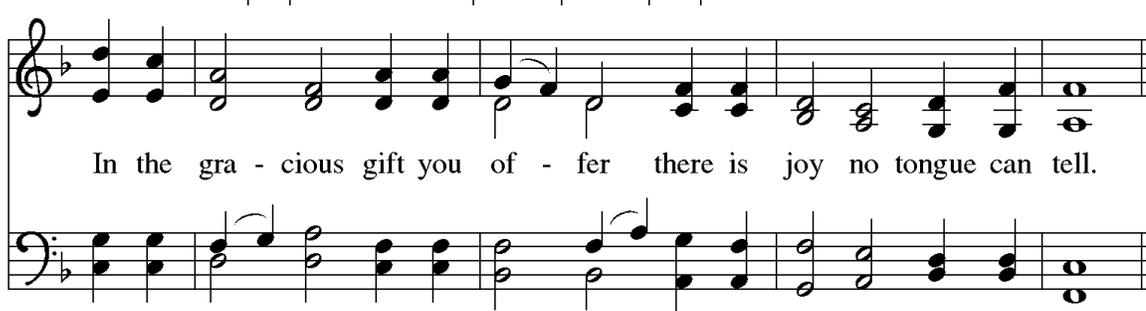


If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live.”  
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest.”  
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face.”  
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name.”

*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.

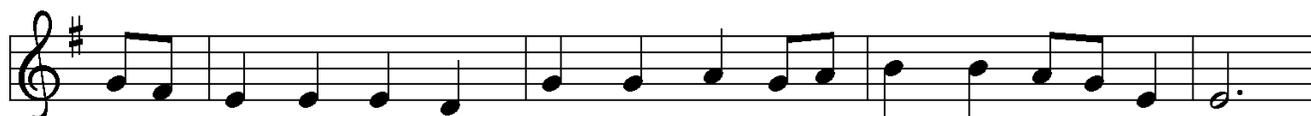
5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;  
I would be your trusted friend.  
Come and seek the gift I offer,  
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

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*

## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



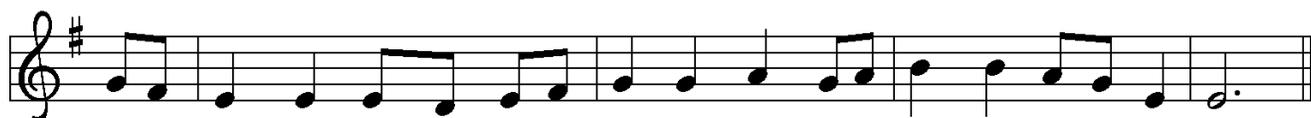
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.