



2nd Weekend of Lent – *Tree of Life*
Sanctified Art - Full to the Brim
Under God's Wing – March 15/16, 2025

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 The congregation is invited to **speak text appearing in bold**
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GATHERING

Under God's Wing | Lisle Gwynn Garrity | Sanctified Art

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CALL TO WORSHIP

L) If God is a hen, **we are under God's wing.**
 If God is a table, **we each have a seat.**
 If God is a house, **we are safe from the storm.**
 If God is a party, **we're invited to dance.**
 If God is a melody, **our names are the lyrics.**
 If this is God's house, **then all are welcomed. All are loved. All belong.**

+CALL TO CONFESSION

P) Family of faith, we come to confession not to wallow in our own guilt. Instead, we come to confession because we know that change starts with being honest. So in a desire to grow and change, let us pray to a God who loves us like a mother hen. Let us confess our sins together. . .

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P) When the Pharisees tried to stop Jesus, Jesus said,
 "I will keep on."
I will keep on healing.
I will keep on teaching.
I will keep on preaching.
I will keep on flipping the tables of injustice.
I will keep on treating every person like a child of God.
I will keep on believing that this world can change.
I will keep on
and keep on
and keep on until God's promised day.
Forgive us, God, for the times when we stop. Amen.

+WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

P) Family of faith, because Jesus' love just keeps going, we can trust that that love and grace exists for us. So rest in this good news:

No matter what we do wrong or what we leave undone, we are under God's wing. We are loved, held, and forgiven. Thanks be to God for a love like that! Amen.

+GATHERING SONG *Beneath the Tree of Life (vs 4-5)*

Refrain

Come and gath-er be - neath the tree of life.

Come and gath-er be - neath the tree of

life— root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of

heal - ing and re - lease. Come and

gath - er be - neath the tree of life.

Verses

1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of
 2. Flow - ing from this tree of grace and
 3. Come and drink the wa - ters of sal -
 4. Here be - neath the branch - es of your
 5. Root - ed in the rich earth of your

Je - sus, sing - ing praise to him who
 pas - sion, Oh how sweet the taste, how
 va - tion, come and die to sin, rise
 mer - cy, we in - voke your name, re -
 Gos - pel, may we bear the fruits your

To Refrain

leads us on from death in - to new life.
 deep and rich the well - spring of your love.
 up to life with - in the reign of God.
 mem - ber how your love has set us free.
 Word has plant - ed deep with - in our hearts.

+GREETING

P) 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 - Tree of Life

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. **A** 1. For the
A 2. For your

reign of God, and for peace through-out the
 peo - ple here who have come to give you

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
 praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Lord:
 Lord: **C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, and de -
 Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.

fend us, O God: **C** A - men.

WORD

+PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

L) Holy God, this life of ours is full to the brim. Our days are overflowing with emails and to-do lists, schedules and notifications, assignments and deadlines. We wake up feeling behind, we go to sleep worrying about tomorrow, and we know—there has to be more than this. So we pray: bend down and show us the way. Leave breadcrumbs in the street. Point us toward awe and wonder. Guide us to intimacy and trust. Gift us with laughter that will make us cry and hope that will make us feel alive.

We want a new kind of full to the brim. Show us the way. We are listening for your cues. Gratefully we pray, **amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

L) ¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a

turtledove, and a young pigeon.”¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

L) The word of the Lord.

C) **Thanks be to God.**

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Tree of Life

Re - turn to the Lord, your
 God, who is gra - cious and mer-ci-ful,
 slow to an-ger, and a - bound-ing in stead - fast
 love, and a - bound-ing in stead-fast love.

+GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

P) The holy gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

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

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

P) The Gospel of the Lord.

C) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

Thy Holy Wings

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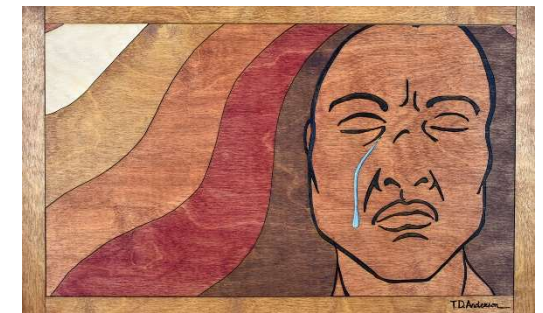
1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent-ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down-y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No-ah's cleans-ing flood.
 and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com-fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.
 Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,
 and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with-in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet-ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(A modern paraphrase of Psalm 27)*

**The Lord is my light.
 The Lord surrounds me
 like a warm, familiar quilt,
 in layers of grace.
 Whom shall I fear?**

**The Lord is the sturdy foundation
 and the roof over my head.
 I am not afraid.**

**When the world is at its worst—
 when grief clings to my bones,
 when fear eats at my confidence,
 when loneliness moves into my house—
 God sets the table,
 turns on the lights,
 and invites me to dance.**



Enough | T. Denise Anderson

So even though there are days
that feel like too much to bear,
I know—I am not alone.

So I ask the Lord,
I seek and I pray—
let me live in your house
all of my days. Amen.

+PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L) Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

(God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.)

L) Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. Amen.

+PEACE

P) The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C) And also with you.

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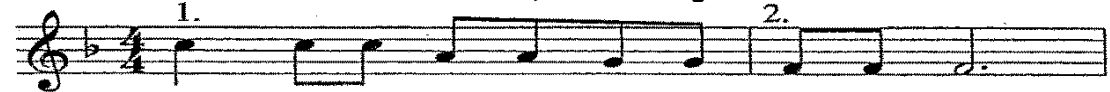
MEAL

OFFERING Please take this opportunity to sign and date the red friendship pad and greet the people in your row.

OFFERING MUSIC

Come, Let Us Bring

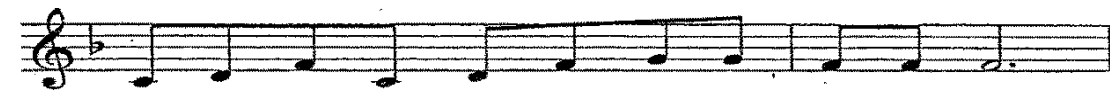
Tree of Life



1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra-grant bread.
2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun-dant wine.
3. Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.

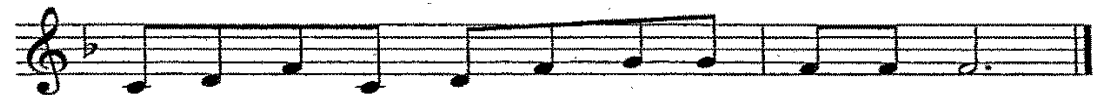


Come, let us bring the warm and fra-grant bread.
Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun-dant wine.
Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



Bro-ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.
Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.

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In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.
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+OFFERING PRAYER

C) 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.

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – Tree of Life

(P) The Lord be with you.

(C) And also with you.

(P) Lift up your hearts.

(C) We lift them to the Lord.

(P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(C) It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(P) It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you. Holy God, mighty and immortal through Christ our Lord.

(C) You bid us return to you and be renewed, that your justice may shine like the sun and the poor of the earth lifted up. And so with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

+HOLY, HOLY – Tree of Life



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,



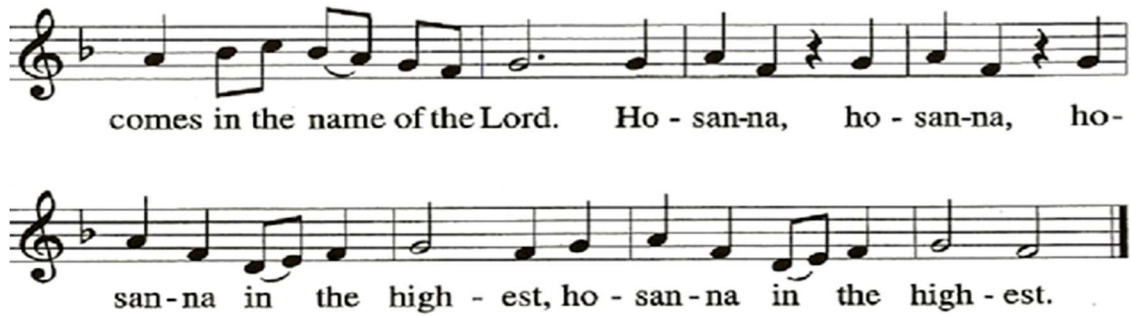
God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your



glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+LORD'S PRAYER

C) Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

+INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P) All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread. Amen.

COMMUNION

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;
 in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;
 most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see
 al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun-tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee!

+POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P) May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C) Amen.

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C) Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

+BLESSING

P) God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ☩ bless you now and forever. Amen.

+SENDING SONG

God of Grace and God of Glory
(Please use the red ELW Hymnal in your seat)

ELW 705

+DISMISSAL

L) Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C) **Thanks be to God!**

Worship Leaders

Pastors Carlos Schneider & Chuck Hubbard Music Director: Gavin Allen-Dunn
Worship Accompanists – (Sat.) Becky Kendall; (Sun.) Gavin Allen-Dunn
Sound –Scott Whitney Lector – (Sat.) Ron Schlattman
Ushers – John Eschbaugh, Joe Sayers, Jerry Rogers
Altar Guild/Communion – Cindy Holmgren, Susan Chamberlin
Bread Baker – Carolyn Greeb; Coffee cups – Peg Isakson
Nursery Attendant – Nancy French Altar Flower Sponsor – Scott Kallio
Fellowship/Donut Sponsors – Joyce & Tom Bosse

WORSHIP

❖ **Mid-week Lent Taize worship, Wednesdays 6:15-6:45pm.** Come join Pr Carlos and Gavin for this quiet, reflective worship of candles, prayer and song. Pause for a few moments to connect with God. Be filled and renewed...to the brim!

GROW

❖ **Confirmation class today, March 16, 12:30-2:30pm** at Zion

❖ **Sunday Adult Ed at 10:45am - Sanctified Art and Adult Education:** Are you enjoying the *“Full to the Brim”* theme and worship liturgy this Lent? Come to adult education this morning to dive into more materials! We will use the Lenten devotionals, daily questions, poetry and art to stimulate conversation around the scripture texts for the day. What do you hear? What does it make you think? Casual and interactive. No wrong answers!!

Reading & Discussion - any interested member of the congregation is welcome to join in!

❖ **Coffee & Conversation -Saturday, March 22 from 9:00 to 10:30am.**

Title: "Maslow Meets Meditation" We'll discuss Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, which most people are already familiar with, and look at each rung of ladder as it pertains to our present circumstances in the world. I'll briefly introduce Tibetan Buddhist Tonglen Meditation and apply it to the world's need for compassion. We'll serve cupcakes and coffee, hot tea and iced water. Church doors open around 8:45 a.m. Contact Jeanne Berryman for more information.

SERVE

❖ **ELCA WORLD HUNGER'S 40 DAYS OF GIVING**

We invite you to **study, pray, reflect** and **give** with us during ELCA World Hunger's **40 Days of Giving** — for our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.

These 40 days are a season to reflect and remember, to look forward and ahead. These are not easy times for many of us. We know the challenges our world faces. Yet the season of Lent reminds us that God is not yet through with us or our world. Amid our own dependence on God, we know by faith that God is even now at work, drawing us toward the resurrection and restoration of the world. *ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving invites us to be part of that work and to bear witness to it with partners, companions, friends and neighbors. Will you join us? This year's 40 Days of Giving offering will take place on Palm Sunday, April 13.*



Updated Prayer Concerns

- * **Shelley Stafford**, recovering at rehab. (3/13)
- * **Janet**, mother of Pastor Ruth Ann, recovering in rehab (3/10)
- * **Cyndie**, sister-in-law of Nadine Trimble, recovering from reverse shoulder replacement surgery on Wednesday, March 5. Recovery is up to a year.
- * **Thanksgiving** for the birth of baby grandnephew to Ruth Ann. Theodore was born March 2 to Pastor's nephew Peter and wife Kimmy Kline
- * **Carol McDivitt**, life transition and healing (2/27)
- * **Pr Ruth Ann**, herniated disc pain, thankful for injection (3/5)
- * **Denise Lauerma**n, recovering from hip surgery (2/26)
- * **Steve**, best friend of Steve Lauerman, recovering from heart transplant surgery (3/5)
- * **Kathe Solomonson**, recovering at home with a head injury
- * **Earle Solomonson**, recovering from surgery, ongoing prayers needed (2/21)
- * **Dennis Schlenker**, doing physical therapy (2/15)
- * **Danielle**, daughter of Joe & Pam, with chronic pulmonary disease, prayers for ongoing treatment
- * **Rachel**, niece of Rindy Dahlin, new diagnosis of a rare liver disease (1/24)
- * **Ardene Hartshorn**, prayers for healing of body, spirit and mind
- * **Elizabeth**, daughter of Janna Cannady, Prayers for long-term healing and regaining abilities. (1/9)
- * **Gregg**, friend of Dan Hoaglund, stage four chronic kidney disease (1/9)
- * **Jeff Grandia**, Bob & Sarajane's nephew, struggling with cancer treatments (11/25)
- * **Lou Schlauder**, Brandon's dad, not doing well with cancer. (11/19)
- * **Pam Breitbarth**, patience in healing process (9/15)

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