

Sunday Celebration

4th Sunday of Lent ~ March 19, 2023 ~ 10:30a

Lutheran Church of the Foothills ~ Tucson, Arizona



Assembly speaks responses in dark print.

P: Presiding Minister leads

A: Assisting Minister leads

L: Lector/Proclaimer leads

Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Foothills

We are grateful to have you joining us in worship today. Please note the following information so that your time with us is spiritually uplifting and comfortable.

Holy Communion: All are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. There is no age requirement. It is God's table, not ours, and all are invited. If you are spiritually hungry, come and be fed.

How to Commune: At the ushers' invitation, come up the center aisle to the Pastor and hold your hands out to receive the host (wafer). You may either dip the host in the split chalice or place the host in your mouth and pick up an individual cup of red wine or white grape juice to drink. Gluten free wafers are available upon request. After you drink the cup, place your empty cup in the lined basket before returning via the side aisle to your seat. If you prefer to remain seated, please indicate this to the usher and communion will be brought you.

Offering: Thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministry of Lutheran Church of the Foothills. You can place your offering in the basket in the back of the center aisle before service begins, give online at our website, or scan the QR code found in the worship liturgy. "Sunday Dollars," loose dollars placed in the basket, are automatically designated for our current month's Community Service emphasis.

Recordings: This service is being recorded and live streamed.

Pray-Ground: We enjoy having our children in worship, and we delight in their ability to see and experience all that is happening in the worship space. We invite you to sit anywhere you are comfortable. There is a special place in the front, pulpit side of the sanctuary designated the Pray-Ground, where children can worship, wiggle, play, color, learn and grow as part of our faith community. Adults are encouraged to sit where children can see them when they are using the Pray-Ground, in case they need assistance.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located down the east hallway between the Activities Room and the front entrance of the building. These restrooms are handicap accessible and each contains a changing table. There is a gender neutral facility in the Learning Center, located at the end of the west hallway past the church offices.

Hearing Assistance: Please switch to a T-coil setting on your hearing aids to take advantage of the induction loop. The ushers can provide you with headphones to wear during the service if you so desire.

Large Print Bulletins: If you desire a large print bulletin, please request one from the ushers as you enter the worship space.

Weekly Footnotes: If you would like to subscribe to our weekly newsletter, visit the bottom of the homepage of our website: www.foothillslutherantucson.org

Prelude “This Is My Father’s World” (*Terra Beata*)

(See ELW 824)
setting by Neil Harmon

Welcome to Worship

Pastor Naomi Hartman

Please stand as you are able.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Gathering Hymn “Have You Thanked the Lord?”

(ELW 829)

Refrain

Have you thanked the Lord? Have you praised God's name?

Don't you know that no to - mor - row is quite the same?

Have you thanked the Lord? Have you knelt in prayer,

and re-joiced that, rain or sun-shine, our God is there?

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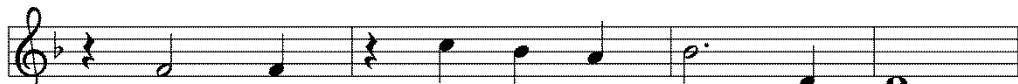
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1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Thank the Lord for sun, sand, and sea,
2 Hal - le - lu - jah! Par - a - dise we taste where we are;
3 Hal - le - lu - jah! Joy and peace the Sav - ior will bring.



ev - 'ry star at night that shines for you and me.
sum-mer breez - es, win - ter warmth are nev - er far.
Grace a - maz - ing! So we lift our voice and sing,



Bless - ings so man - y come our way:
God's love is ev - er on dis - play:
grate - ful when clouds are bright or gray:



have you thanked the Lord to - day?
have you thanked the Lord to - day?
have you thanked the Lord to - day?

Refrain

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Music: LAMOTTA, Bill LaMotta
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Confession and Forgiveness

P: We gather because God brought us here. We meet because Jesus sets the table. We worship because the Holy Spirit  gives us life. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Pause for reflection.*) Merciful God,

We wander. We run away. We think we can do things our own way but we end up in messes of our own making and problems we can't solve. Find us when we are stuck, in a pit of despair or on a boat to nowhere. Reveal our faults and forgive our sin. Send us back out with words and actions to help the world that you love so much.

None of us can flee from the love of God, not in the heights of heaven nor the pit of grief in loss. God will always find us with love that beckons us home. So hear the words that each of us need: You are loved beyond all knowing.

You are forgiven in the name of Jesus. \dagger You are free. You are unfinished. You are beloved. **Amen.**

Opening Prayer

A: Let us pray. God of creation and compassion,
you often show up in unexpected and disruptive ways. Help us to hear your voice when our lives are churning, to perceive your compassion in the storm, and to hope in your resurrection even as we face death. Amen.

Please be seated.

Reading Jonah 4

L: A reading from Jonah.

¹But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴And the LORD said, “Is it right for you to be angry?” ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The Lord GOD appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that

attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the LORD said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Offering “Be the Light of Christ”

arr. Wes Cameron

What will you give to the Savior? To the One who gave all, will you go in his name to spread the light of truth? To the corners of the world, he has asked you to go. Will you go in his name?

Be the light of Christ to the people of the world.

Be the Light of Christ, spread the word among God’s people.

Will you give help to the needy? Will you clothe and give them food? Will you give in his name, s he has given to you? Every gift is from above, and it comes to us from God. Will you give in his name?

Be the light of Christ...

Children’s Message

Pastor Naomi Hartman

Message

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Hymn of the Day “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

(ELW 779)

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toil, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

Affirmation of Faith

A: Let us confess our faith together in the words of the Ionian Creed:

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.

We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place: into action, into vulnerability and onto the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.

Prayers of the People

A: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Powerful God, you anoint kings and establish rulers. Guide the work of heads of state and elected officials. Encourage them to lead with justice and to remove barriers that impede the well-being of all. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

A: God our host, you fill us at your table with more than we could ever ask. Feed us with hunger for justice. Equip the feeding ministries of this congregation and community especially the Primavera Men's Shelter. Nourish us so we can nourish our neighbors. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

A: Shepherding God, you lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Keep watch over those who weep; tend all who are sick and comfort those who grieve. Today we name: Matthew, Monet, Nancy, Francine, Pastor Chuck, Sue, Michael, Megan, Tova, Brandon and Nora, Ulrich, Jim K., Roberta, Alicia, Martha, Barbara Ann, Trina, George, Terry and Marc, Alberta, Cora, and Phyllis. We pray for those we now name aloud or silently. (*Pause.*) Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

A: We join together in our Community Service prayer for March:

God of love, we pray for all seminary students who have responded to your call to ministry, including those assisted by the Fund for Leaders. Help us to prosper the work of this fund so that seminarians are not burdened by debt as they prepare to serve in your vineyard.

Merciful God, receive our prayer. Amen.

A: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Our Offering of Gifts

Thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministry of Lutheran Church of the Foothills. Place your offering in the baskets at the entrance to the sanctuary, make your offering online at <https://www.foothillslutherantucson.org> or scan the QR code with the camera app on your phone.



At this time the ushers will bring the offering baskets forward to the Assisting Minister.

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Almighty and restoring God, we have been living through some difficult days, as churches and as individuals, wondering if we will make it through one more day, whether the church will survive for another generation; and we feel like Jonah called to preach to people who surely won't listen. As we offer our tithes and offerings, help us to hear the word of hope shared in Your word, not just with our ears but with our hearts, reminding us that while it is your grace and love that turns hearts, it is our invitation that can open welcoming doors. May it call us back to life and service, out of the graves of despair in which we have buried ourselves. In Christ's holy name.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: O God, Creator of our wilderness world,
O God, Savior of the lost,
O God, Comforter of the sick and suffering,
we give you thanks for your everlasting might;
we glorify you for your covenant of mercy.

For forty days you cleansed the earth with the waters of the flood.
For forty days you illumined Moses with the words of your law.
For forty years you fed your people with manna from heaven.

You became truly human in Jesus our brother.
For forty days, with fasting and prayer, he renounced the power of the devil.
On the night before he died he 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.

We extol his life. Amen: **Amen.**
We lament his death. Amen: **Amen.**
We celebrate his resurrection. Amen: **Amen.**

Transform us, O God, with your lively Spirit.
Make this food into manna for our journey, the body and blood of your Son.
Grant us with the Ninevites forty days of repentance.
Teach us your words of wisdom and justice.
Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace.
At the last, lead all your pilgrim people through our deserts to your Easter garden.
To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please be seated.

We experience the presence of our Lord in gifts of bread and wine, and all are welcome to Christ's table. Worship musicians and volunteers will be served first; then the ushers will direct the assembly forward row by row.

Song during Communion “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” (ELW 461)



1 All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2 All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers; seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
3 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825

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Song during Communion “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” (ELW 708)

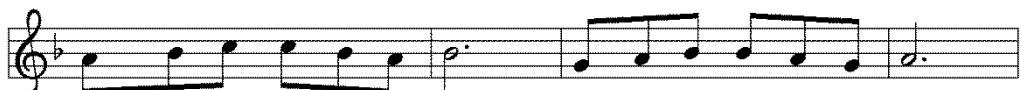
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash-es their feet,

2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,

3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;

4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.

neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.

all these are neigh - bors to us and you.

this is the way we will live with you.

Refrain

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925-2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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Song during Communion “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”(ELW 751)



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;
Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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Blessing after Communion

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A: Faithful, generous, abiding God, we give you thanks for the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. May the taste of this meal linger so that we will be strengthened in our Lenten journey. Give us courage to listen to your call so that we may find a deeper relationship with you. To your glory,

Amen.

Mission Moments

A: If you have a ministry message to share, please come forward to the microphone so all can hear you.

Please stand as you are able.

Blessing

P: May we find ourselves open to the calling of God, even when it sends us to unexpected, uncomfortable spaces. May we be challenged to spread the news of God's love in the world, even when it means offering grace to the outcast and enemy among us. May we see the Spirit of God inside ourselves and all creation, in the name of the one who came not to condemn the world but to save it, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Sending Hymn “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

(ELW 733)

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Music score for the first stanza. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The melody is in soprano range. The lyrics are:

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain

Music score for the refrain. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The melody is in soprano range. The lyrics are:

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

Music score for the second part of the first stanza. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The melody is in soprano range. The lyrics are:

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

Music score for the third part of the first stanza. The key signature is G major (one sharp). The melody is in soprano range. The lyrics are:

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

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Dismissal

A: Go forth and share God's love and peace in the world.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

We thank those who are serving for worship this morning:

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Naomi Hartman

Assisting Minister: Gary Anderson

Ushers: the Meyer family

Proclaimer: Carol Lundberg

Communion Servers: Lonnie Jenkins & Laura Hollengreen

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Celebration Choir and Music Director: Dr. Andy Bade

Other Musicians: Kathleen Rogers, Ulrich Michael, Ariadne & Noah Wolgemuth

About our Community Service Prayer for March:

Our Community Service giving emphasis for March is the Fund for Leaders scholarship program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). For more information about this fun golf tournament and fund raiser, visit the Community Services display in the lobby.

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