

# Sunday Celebration

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025 ~ 10:00a

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*

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## Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Foothills

We are grateful that you are 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:** There will be two stations. At the ushers' invitation, come up the center aisle and hold your hands out to receive the host (wafer). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. 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. After you drink the cup, place your empty cup in the lined container before returning to your seat via the side aisle. If you choose to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. If you prefer to remain seated, please indicate this to the usher, and communion will be brought to you.

**Offering:** Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran Church of the Foothills' mission and ministry. Offering baskets will be passed during the service. You may contribute by placing your offering in the basket (giving envelopes are in the pews), giving online at our website, or scanning the QR code found in this bulletin. **All loose cash** placed in the basket is automatically designated for our current month's Community Service emphasis. Undesignated cash and checks placed in the pew envelopes are directed toward the general fund.

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**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. Caregivers 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.

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

## Prelude “I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger”

*African American spiritual*

*Eva Hendrix-Shovlin, soloist*

## Welcome to Worship

*Pastor Naomi Hartman*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Gathering Hymn “Lead Me, Guide Me”

*(ELW 768)*

*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;  
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
to be my help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
I am blind when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
                  with - out . . . thy light to see.

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Help me through the dark-ness thy face to see.  
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Refrain

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

### Confession and Forgiveness

*Rev. Miriam Samuelson-Roberts*

*P*: God of all grace, be near amid our brokenness, turning us from the things that keep us from a right relationship with you, ourselves, and one another. Compel us toward compassion as we confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and are strengthened to serve in your name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**God of mercy, you delight in goodness and judge sin. Give us open and honest hearts to recognize the ways we have turned from you, from our belovedness, and from one another.**

**We see the world through the lens of scarcity instead of your lens of abundance. We see people as us and them instead of as one body in you. We participate in the brokenness of the world, caught in webs beyond individual choices of right and wrong.**

**Quiet our inner and outer strife, O God, and draw us into your forgiveness and wholeness. Through your divine love, transform all that threatens to destroy the good you have created.**

*P*: Beloved people of God: At a table that Jesus sets, God forgives us and feeds us with love eternal. In water and promise, God brings us to new life and breathes into us gifts to serve the world.

You are forgiven, in the name of Christ  , who calls us into the coming of God's reign where all are supported, nourished, and loved.

**Amen.**

### **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.**

*Please be seated.*

### **Kyrie**

*(ELW Setting 6, p. 165)*

*P*: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

*A:* Let us pray.

*(A brief silence is kept before the prayer.)*

**God of life, you guide us in the wilderness and speak to us through scripture and spirit. Root us in the words of our faith and the spirit of your love, that we may share the everlasting grace you give all people. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

**Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

*L:* A reading from Deuteronomy.

<sup>1</sup> “When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’

<sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.

<sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the

ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation (Spoken by all.)**

*(ELW p. 171)*

**Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord. Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.**

**Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-13**

*P:* The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup> Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'

<sup>9</sup> Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup> for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,’

<sup>11</sup> and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

### Children's Message

*Rev. Jacqui Pagel*

*All young people are welcomed forward.*

### Message

*Rev. Jacqui Pagel*

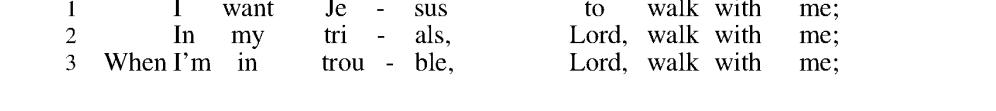
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### Hymn of the Day “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

*(ELW 325)*



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;  
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;  
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

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all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,  
when my heart is al - most break - ing,  
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.  
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

## Creed

*Iona Community of Scotland*

*A:* Let us proclaim our faith in the words of the Creed from the Iona Community of Scotland:

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.

*Please be seated.*

## Prayers of the People

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

*(A brief silence.)*

*A:* Gracious God, speak your word anew among your church. Strengthen it to withstand the temptation to turn inward in fear or complacency. Embolden church institutions to turn from self-preservation toward the self-giving love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

*A:* Steadfast God, speak words of courage to your people in the wilderness. Protect migrants and refugees on perilous journeys, that they find safe refuge and a portion in the bounty you have given humanity to share. God, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

*A:* Loving God, speak gently to all who are alone. Bless lay ministers, home communion teams, and others who attend to those who are overlooked, vulnerable, or lonely, that all find belonging in your love. We pray for all who are ill. We remember especially those we now name aloud or in our hearts. *(Pause.)*

*Prayer list: Teresita; Maria, Rhadika, Joe; Val & Karl S., Tonya V.; Leo; Bill V.; Julian; Donna, Mari; Jean; Robert; Bryce; Sue; Melanie, Paloma; Kellie, Elizabeth; Jeff H., Mykah, Raya, Perez family, family of Aaden; Brandi, Maria.*

*A:* Provide an extra measure of your grace and love. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

*A:* We join together in our Community Service prayer for this month:

Loving Creator, we give thanks for the sacred gift of water. We pray for our Native American siblings who have cared for this land and its waters since time immemorial, especially those now living near the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission. As we work with the Mission to bring clean water to those in need, help us honor the land, protect creation, and walk with gratitude. God, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

*A: 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 Christ be with you always.*

**And also with you.**

*During this time of flu and cold, you are invited to maintain a distance and verbally greet those in the pew around you.*

## **Our Offering of Gifts**

*Thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministry of Lutheran Church of the Foothills. You are invited to place offerings in the baskets as they are passed. You can also contribute online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/YKPG/home> or by scanning the QR code.*

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



**Musical Offering “Faith of Our Fathers”**

*Henry F. Hemy, arr. Greg Kerkorian*

*Los Campaneros Handbell Choir*

## Offering Prayer

*Rev. Miriam Samuelson-Roberts*

*A:* Let us pray.

**Generous God, you have blessed us with gifts of abundance and joy. Open our hearts so that we may share your goodness with all who hunger for bread, for safety, and for belonging. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Thanksgiving at the Table

*P:* The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*P:* Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*P:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

*Rev. Miriam Samuelson-Roberts*

*P:* Blessed are you, O God of love. You birthed all creation and became human for us in Jesus Christ. You speak to us through Scripture and Spirit; your love is eternal. Meet us now in bread, wine, and water.

In the night in which he was handed over, 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.

In this meal, we remember your Son Jesus, who took on our pain and suffering and transformed it into new life. Send your Spirit to meet us now. Compel your whole creation toward mercy, and fill us all with your everlasting and wide-reaching love.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

*A:* Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

*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.*

## Communion Special "A Jesus Medley"

*Gerry Anderson, guitar*

## Hymn during Communion "Let Us Break"

*(ELW 471)*

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;

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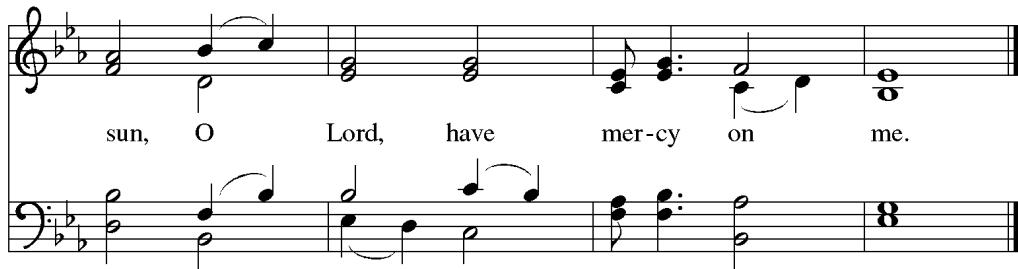


let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.

*Refrain*



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

### Blessing after Communion

*P:* The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

*A:* Let us pray.

We give you thanks for the abundance of your steadfast love. As we are filled with your grace and mercy, send us out into the world to participate in your reign of peace. In the name of Christ, the holy one, we pray. Amen.

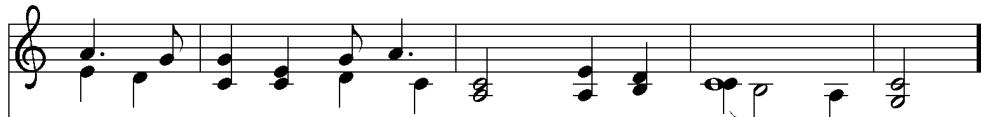
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## Sending Hymn “Give Me Jesus”

(ELW 770)



1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,  
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,  
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,  
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
dark . . . mid-night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.  
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.  
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.



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*Refrain*

Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.

You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

### Blessing

*P*: May the God who delights in your goodness bless you, keep you, and hold you in the depths of love and mercy. In the name of the Triune God  $\text{☩}$ .

Amen.

### Dismissal

*A*: Go in peace. Know you are loved.

Thanks be to God. And we will!

### Postlude “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

*African American spiritual*

*Eva Hendrix-Shovlin, soloist*

## We thank those who are serving for worship this morning:

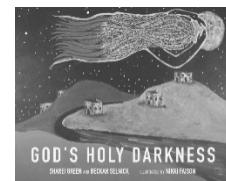
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## Special Thanks:

We thank our guest pianist, Susan Swanson, and her niece, Eva Hendrix-Shovlin, for sharing their musical talents this morning.

We welcome and thank Rev. Jacqueline Pagel for her presence among us this morning. Rev. Pagel comes to us from the Grand Canyon Synod office in Phoenix, where she serves as Bishop's Associate for Candidacy and Faith Formation.

Rev. Jacqui Pagel invites you to share the book *God's Holy Darkness* by Sharei Green at home. The book is available at [www.augsburgfortress.org](http://www.augsburgfortress.org) or [click here](#).



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Called and empowered to proclaim the radical love of Christ through lives of service.

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