

Easton Cluster Mid-Week Lenten Services

**Wednesdays in Lent 2025
Service of Word and Prayer
7:00 p.m.**



Mid-week Lenten Service Locations

March 12th

St. Paul's Third Lutheran Church

The Rev. Daniel Brettell

Nancy Broadbent, Director of Music Ministry

March 19th

St. John's Lutheran Church

The Rev. Mike Button

Jessica Madow, Director of Music Ministry

March 26th

Arndt's Lutheran Church

The Rev. Jean Huber

Rachel Hosterman, Director of Music Ministry

April 2nd

United Fellowship Lutheran Church

The Rev. Jamie L. Edelman

Linda Maule, Director of Music Ministry

April 9th

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

The Rev. Tom Neel

Mark Jonkman, Director of Music Ministry

Service of Word and Prayer

(With One Voice)

Prelude

Announcements

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.

P The word is near you,

C on your lips and in your heart.

P If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

P Faith comes from what is heard,

C and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

Scripture Song

*Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the
Lamb forever and ever.*

*Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the
universe;
just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the
nations.*

*Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory
of your name?*

*Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the
Lamb forever and ever.*

For you alone are the Holy One.

*All nations will draw near and worship before you,
for your just and holy works have been revealed.*

*Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the
Lamb forever and ever.*

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Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Gospel Acclamation

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

*Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the
Scriptures.*

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all glory to you!

Word of life, Jesus Christ, all praise to you!

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Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to _____.

March 12th: Matthew 26:14-16

March 19th: Matthew 26:38-39

March 26th: Matthew 27:27-31

April 2nd: John 19:28-30

April 9th: John 19:19-22

Meditation “*Things of God*”

March 12th *Coin*

March 19th *Cup*

March 26th *Thorn*

April 2nd *Sponge*

April 9th *Sign*

Hymn *ELW* #803 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Response to the Word

- P** In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.
- C** **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C 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.

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C pray in the Holy Spirit.

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

C Amen

Peace

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share some sign of peace with one another from our pews.

Offering

Let us bring our hearts and minds together as we consider the ministries to which our congregations and the whole church are called, and offer our gifts to the Lord as we depart this evening.

All offering goes to support the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Offertory

*Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth.
Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed;
ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.*

*Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.*

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The Prayers

P Let us pray together. Gracious God,
C **in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The Prayers continue

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

A brief silence.

AM 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,

C receive our prayer.

AM Mothering God, speak the word of life into wilderness places and fertile fields. Grant wisdom to your people, that we may quell the urge to strip lands of their resources and instead preserve first fruits for future generations. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

AM Almighty God, speak a word of wisdom to people in positions of power: mayors, councils, and tribal leaders, legislators, judges and juries, presidents, and monarchs. Help them discern your voice and follow your guidance, resisting the temptations of the evil one. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

AM 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,

C receive our prayer.

AM 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. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

AM Living God, we give thanks for all the faithful
who have crossed the threshold from death to
life. Guide us who are living to learn from
their wisdom and follow their example. God,
in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

Blessing

P Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**Sending Song ELW #334 *Tree of Life and
Awesome Mystery***

*Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of hist'ry,
still you rise with ev'ry morn,
still you rise with ev'ry morn.*

*We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word;
ev'ry person lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.*

*Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.*

*From the dawning of creation
you have loved us as your own;
stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone.*

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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