

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY 333

LOST SHEEP, COIN, SON

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 23, 2025 • 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

-) Please turn off all cell phones.*
-) If you are visiting with us today, we extend to you a particular welcome and invite your questions and comments.*
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In the order of service, the words
that are spoken by a leader are in regular type.

Words spoken by the assembly are in boldface type.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand.

OPENING HYMN • "BLESS NOW, O GOD, THE JOURNEY"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 326



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon-ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross +,
the sign that is marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God,
confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Kneel or continue standing. Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.

In + Christ your sins are forgiven.


You have a place in God's house forever.

Amen.

KYRIE


Amy Boers, 2025

Assembly: last time to ☩




Ky-ri e, e - le-i-son, Christe e - le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e - le - i son.

8 Cantor:




For the Reign of God and for peace through-out the world, for the
For your peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the

13



un - i - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.
strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

☩ 17 Cantor: Assembly:



Help, save, com-fort and de-fend us, Lord. A - men.

GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Rejoicing Father,
you celebrate when one of your lost children is found
because no one is worthless to you.

We stand humbled and in awe
that you would count us among your most prized possessions.

Give us eyes to see the priceless value of every living soul,
for the sake of the one who became human
for the sake of our souls,
Jesus Christ our seeker.

Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION • "RETURN TO THE LORD"

Gather, Third Edition 471

CANTOR

Re - turn to the Lord with all your heart, with

CONGREGATION: Re - turn to the Lord with all your heart,

fast-ing and weep-ing and mourn-ing. The Lord is gra-cious,

with fast-ing and weep-ing and mourn-ing. The

full of mer - cy,

Lord is gra - cious,

slow to an - ger, rich in

full of mer - cy,

love.

slow to an - ger, rich in love.

READING

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 15:1-32

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

¹¹Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON + SERMON

Pastor Eric Bostrom.

Stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY • "BUILD A LONGER TABLE"

All Creation Sings 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

CREED

Together, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
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 THE CHURCH

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

At the conclusion of each petition:

God in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Sit.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

As a shepherd searches for a lost sheep,
as a woman searches for a lost coin,
God seeks us out to save us.

With gratitude and joy,
let us offer our lives to the Lord.

*You can participate in the Offering electronically
by scanning the QR code and filling out the online form.*



OFFERING

Stand.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Amy Boers, 2025

To God our Cre-a - tor, by whose will we can live, the first fruit of har - vest is the

5 least we can give. We give of our la - bor, we give of our wealth to

8 God, our pro-vi - der, the source of good health. Lift up your voic - es in thanks to God,

13 mer-cy and grace to pro - claim. The ta-ble is set, the gifts are rea - dy,

17 glo-ry and praise to His name! To God our Cre-a - tor, by whose will we can live, the

21 first fruit of har - vest is the least we can give. We give of our la - bor, we

24 give of our wealth to God, our pro-vi - der, the source of good health.

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Amy Boers, 2025

The musical score is written for a single voice part in 4/4 time, using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains measures 1 through 4. The second system, starting with a measure number '5' at the beginning, contains measures 5 through 8. The third system, starting with a measure number '8' at the beginning, contains measures 9 through 12. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you, and al - so with you. Lift up your hearts! We lift them to the Lord! Let us give thanks to the Lord most high; it is right to give Him thanks and praise.'

The Lord be with you, and al - so with you. Lift up your hearts! We
lift them to the Lord! Let us give thanks to the Lord most high; it is
right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good
that we should everywhere,
give thanks and praise to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
for in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a journey of prayer and discipline
we may grow to be your people again.

And so, with the church on earth
and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS • "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

Amy Boers, 2025

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. God of po-wer and might. Hea-ven and earth are

6
full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is the

10
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

COMMUNION

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

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION

At Mountain View Lutheran Church we practice an open communion table, which means that everyone is welcome to receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ. (You don't have to be a member of MVLC.)

If you need an alcohol-free element or a gluten-free element, then please let your server know.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, then please let an usher know and you will be served where you are seated.

This is the table, not of the Church, but of Jesus Christ.
It is made ready for those who are loved by God,
whether you feel loved or not.

It is for those who desire to grow in love with God.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little.

You who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before.

Come, you who have tried to follow
and you who live with a sense of failure in your following.

Come, not because the Church invites you;
it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed and loved here.

Please come. Receive the gifts of God for all the people of God
because the gifts of God are free.

LAMB OF GOD • "LAMB OF GOD"

Amy Boers, 2025

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It consists of three lines of music. The first line contains measures 1 through 4, with lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us." The second line contains measures 5 through 8, with lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you". The third line contains measures 9 through 12, with lyrics: "take a-way our sins. Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us your peace." The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, with some measures containing rests. A double bar line is at the end of the third line.

1 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

5 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

10 take a-way our sins. Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us your peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • "NOW THE SILENCE"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 460



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed



Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come



Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing



Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion



Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing



Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny



Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

COMMUNION HYMN • "AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 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, toils, 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.

COMMUNION HYMN • "NOTHING CAN TROUBLE"

All Creation Sings 1033



Na - da te tur - be, na - da te_es - pan - te.
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en.



Quien a Dios tie - ne na - da le fal - ta. Na - da te tur - be,
Those who seek God shall nev - er go want - ing. Noth - ing can trou - ble,



na - da te_es - pan - te. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
noth - ing can fright - en. God a - lone fills us.

Stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

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.

DEACON SENDING

Deacons are called to “make Christ
and his redemptive love known by word and example.” (1 Timothy)

Such love is expressed in the extension of Holy Communion
to those who are homebound or hospitalized.

Eternal God,

**whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord,
bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament
with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound.**

Amen.

BLESSING

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
+ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • "MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG"

Evangelical Lutheran Worship 763



- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

SENDING

Go in peace.

Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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- J VIDEOGRAPHER: David Burch.
- J ALTAR GUILD: Kay Coody, Diksha Knierim, Sandi Swanson.

8:15 a.m.

- J USHERS: Janice Harrison, Skip Harrison (head usher), David Newton.
- J GREETER: Betsy Tunstall.
- J LECTOR: Eileen Newton.
- J ACOLYTE: Grace Sevigny.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Connie McCrossin, Emily Thompson.
- J SOUND: Henry Peck.

10:45 a.m.

- J USHERS: Mark Cantrell (head usher), Cathie Freiling, Marlene Wright.
- J GREETER: Ellen Leapaltdt.
- J LECTOR: Jim Hushagen.
- J COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Camdon Cornell, Ellen Leapaltdt.
- J SOUND: Beth Ann Johnson.

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and **SHARE** with a generous spirit.*