



WEST LINN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Season of Lent

8:15 am • March 1 – March 29, 2020



Conversation Matters!

What are the kind of conversations that matter; that are important to the processes of worship, loving, learning and caring? That is one way to take our title. Another way to take it would be to look at all the components of conversation. During the Season of Lent we have some big “conversation matters” from the Gospel readings. These are the “matters” that will make up our conversation this Lent. We will investigate the conversations within the stories, to see what they have to say to us about Jesus; about the characters of the story; about ourselves as we listen in. You will have an opportunity to explore your own personal interaction with those stories, as you prepare for the last week in Jesus’ life and as you remember the promises made to you in Holy Baptism.

“Conversation Matters” can happen at the prayer/meditation station in the back of the sanctuary where you can explore more deeply who you are in the conversation! These are holy matters and this Lent we want to attend to them well.

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Welcome!

Our mission ... We invite all people into a trusting relationship with God through Jesus Christ. *WLLC Mission Statement*

Our welcome ... West Linn Lutheran Church is a community of faith that welcomes all regardless of race, religion, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, family status, national origin, age, disability, medical history, political affiliation, financial situation, mistakes made, successes achieved or any other category that you or the world have determined you belong. Our hope and prayer is that our congregation loves all as Jesus loves the world. No exceptions. This welcome extends throughout the life of our congregation. *WLLC Welcome Statement*

Information for Worship

“Welcome to WLLC” cards help us get to know each other and extend the ministries of the church. All visitors, members, and regular attendees are asked to fill one out and put it in the offering plate.

Prayer Requests can be written on Prayer Request cards in the pews. Ushers will collect the prayer requests at the Children’s Message. These prayers will be shared publicly during the service.

The **ELW** refers to the red book found in the pews.

When **standing** is indicated (*) please do so as you are able

Children in Worship Thank you, children, for being here in worship; and thank you to all the adults who help make that happen! Please feel free to join us up front so you can see what’s going on during the service! At the entrance you will find activity bags and clipboards with activity/coloring pages that you can take into the room to use while you are listening. During the service there is a “Children’s Message” to start everyone thinking about the main idea for today. Sometimes there are additional activities for worship you will be invited to do. It’s your choice to do them or not. All ages are welcome to participate in the actions, words, and songs of the service, including eating the Holy Communion meal where Jesus comes to be with us. Let us know if you have questions or ideas that would help you participate in worship and activities here at the church!

Nursery Room For those little ones who simply need a break, the nursery space downstairs is available for parents to use with their children. The nursery is also an excellent quiet option for nursing mothers

West Linn Lutheran Church Staff

- Pastor Tim and Pastor Donna Herzfeldt-Kamprath
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GATHERING

Prelude

Chime & Welcome

Confession

Let us pray. God of heaven and earth, you come close and make us yours even as we want to come close to you. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,
forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.

Voice 1: We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

In silence, we remember the cleansing, life-giving water of life.

Silence.

Voice 2: We were silent when we should have said something.

In silence, we remember the Spirit of wholeness and resurrection.

Silence.

Voice 3: We acted when we knew better.

In silence, we remember the promise of presence and healing.

Silence.

Voice 4: We were still when we know we should have moved.

In silence, we remember we are community together.

Silence.

Have mercy on us, Gracious God,
have mercy and hear our pleas as we remember who we are.

People of God, look to the ⁺Son. Through Jesus, God called you in the waters of life, to give you healing and life. Take hold of life—eternal life!

Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

March 1 – ELW #808 Lord Jesus, you shall be my song

March 8 – ELW #767 Lord, take my hand and lead me

March 15 – ELW #611 I heard the voice of Jesus say

March 22 – ELW #770 Give me Jesus

March 29 – ELW #339 Christ, the life of all the living

The ringing of the chime calls us to silence, centering and reflection as we prepare for worship

Confession: *It is our time to bring that part of our self and our being in the world to God for words and actions of mercy. Someone once said, "Confession is good for the soul." And indeed, it is good for the corporate body to not only hear words of confession from the mouths of others around them, but to articulate those words from the depths of our own soul!*

You may to spend time in the back of the sanctuary in private prayer and meditation as you think about and remember all God's promises.

Silences will be kept through this confession, marked with the ringing of the chime.

*Greeting

People of God, we are here today to be in conversation with the holy.

Speak to us and through us, voice of God.

Son of God, we are here today to be in conversation with the holy.

Speak to us and through us, +Word of God.

Spirit of God, we are here today to be in conversation with the holy.

Speak to us and through us, breath of God.

Amen.

In the Spirit of your baptism, you are invited to make the sign of the cross ✙ upon your forehead.

Kyrie is Latin for "Lord"; when coupled with Eleison it becomes our plea - "Lord, have mercy". This is a common cry during the season of Lent where we long for God, Christ, and the Spirit to be merciful to us and our world! Selected verses will be sung.

*Kyrie Eleison

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*In Lent it is appropriate to **share the peace** following the time that we lay our confession before God, sign ourselves with Christ's cross, and after pleading for mercy. This sharing is a sign we commit ourselves to making peace in our relationships and world.*

*Sharing of the Peace

The peace of God that comes through the forgiveness of your sin, be with you all.

And also with you.

Please share that peace in the spirit of reconciliation with one another.

*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you!

And also with you.

Let us pray.... through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Musical Offering

Musical Offerings are noted in the Worship Notes for the day.

WORD

First Reading

March 1- Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (pew Bible p. 2)

March 8 – Genesis 12:1-4a (pew Bible p. 8)

March 15- Exodus 17:1-7 (pew Bible p. 56)

March 22- I Samuel 16:1-13 (pew Bible p. 226)

March 29- Ezekiel 37:1-14 (pew Bible page p. 704)

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

March 1 – Psalm 32

March 8 – Psalm 121

March 15 – Psalm 95

March 22 – Psalm 23

March 29 – Psalm 130

*Welcoming the Gospel

The Good News of Jesus Christ for all Creation this day is in the Gospel of _____,

Chapter ___ on page ___ in your pew Bibles.

As we sing, please take time to immerse yourself in God's word.

Open the pages. Open your ears. Open your hearts to follow along.



The leader may call out other words to replace "Listen, listen."

God, open our ears to hear your living Word.

God, open our hearts to live your saving Word.

Amen.

Let it be so.

The **children** will be invited forward to participate in a telling of the Gospel story while people in the pew are encouraged to read the story while they watch and listen. The children will be invited to continue worship with activities following the story.

Prayer request cards will be collected now.

Please place your **Welcome Card** in the offering plate.

The Holy Gospel in Reader's Theater

March 1- Matthew 4:1-11 (pew Bible p. 785)

March 8- John 3:1-17 (pew Bible p.863)

March 15 – John 4:5-42 (pew Bible p. 864)

March 22- John 9:1-41 (pew Bible p. 871)

March 29- John 11:1-45 (pew Bible p. 873)

Sermon

***Hymn of the Day**

March 1 – ELW #802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

March 8 – ELW #588 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

March 15 – ELW #419 For All the Faithful Women v. 8

March 22 – ELW #768 Lead Me, Guide Me

March 29 – ELW #506 The Word of God Is Source and Seed

***Prayers of the People**

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory

***Offering Prayer**

Let us pray together: Merciful God,

receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

*We return to these words that draw us continually into
God's intention for the world:*

**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.**

*Invitation to Communion

*God's love is poured out in Christ for you.
Open yourselves to receive it.*

Thanks be to God!

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Distribution

Holy Communion will be served to all people at the standing stations in front of the altar. Please step forward when you are invited by the usher. You will be handed bread; wine (red) and juice (white) will be in small cups which you may take, drink, and place in one of the trays in the aisle on your way back to your seat. Gluten free bread is available; if needed please indicate so to the pastor.

ALL persons are invited to receive the gift of Christ's presence in this meal. The sacrament is a means of God's grace for those persons who receive it.

Distribution Hymn

March 1 – ELW #325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

March 8 – ELW #465 As the grains of wheat

March 15 – ELW #496 One bread, one body

March 22 – ELW #779 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound

March 29 – ELW #495 We who once were dead

*Table Blessing

*Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Chime

SENDING

*Benediction

Now is the acceptable time.

Now is the day of salvation.

Holy God,

speaking, spoken, and inspiring,

✠ bless you, unbind you,

and send you in love and in peace.

Amen.

Announcements

*Sending Hymn

March 1 – ELW #334 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery vv. 1, Lent 1

March 8 – Tree of Life and awesome mystery vv. 2, Lent 2

March 15 – Tree of Life and awesome mystery vv. 3, Lent 3

March 22 – Tree of Life and awesome mystery vv. 4, Lent 4

March 29 – ELW # 666 What Wondrous Love is This?

*Dismissal

*Marked with the cross of Christ,
go forth to love and serve the Lord.*

Amen!

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Cover Art

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The piece portrays someone interacting with a wild and playful landscape in a way that inspires us to remember the garden of creation and the wilderness Jesus traveled through.

What outdoor place does this art remind you of? What would the figure be saying to you if it was Nicodemus? Lazarus? Martha? Mary Magdalene? Jesus? A person on your mind?