

**10am, March 8, 2026**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Service of the Word**



## **ON FIG TREES**

### **Hosanna Lutheran Church**

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## **PRELUDE**

### **WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **GATHERING**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**C:** Lord, we confess that our sins are too heavy to carry and too real to hide. We have sinned against you, against our fellow humans, and against creation, which you have given to us to be its custodians. God of creation, forgive us our many sins.

**C:** We confess that too often we have failed to acknowledge your presence amongst us. We have failed to realize that in loving your creation we see your will is being done. In fact, we have not loved our neighbours and our fellow creations. We have not stood in solidarity with them or shared our resources. Instead, we have used our power, authority, and resources for our own selfish interests. God of creation, forgive us for our self-centeredness.

**C:** We confess that we have not cared for our siblings, who are struggling because of various injustices and violence against them. We have washed our hands when violence is used and injustice is being done to people at the margins, and creation as a whole. We have chosen to remain ignorant of things that are happening around us, when life has been taken away from your creation and people. God of creation, forgive us for sitting on the fence and not taking sides.

**P:** God, who is rich in grace, mercy and love has heard our confession and offers us forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and friend. God calls us to live as we are created to be partners with one another and with the Holy Spirit in walking the path that helps shape the kingdom of God. Go now and live as forgiven people.

**C:** Amen.

**OPENING HYMN:** ELW 527 – Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

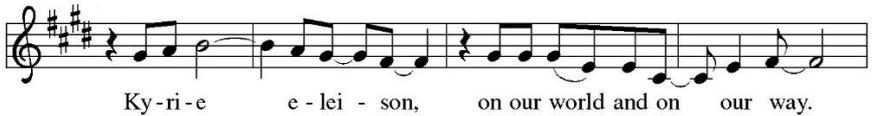
#### **GREETING:**

**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.

## KYRIE

ALL:



### Verse 1

**P:** For peace in the world, for the health of the church,  
For the unity of all;  
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **REFRAIN**

### Verse 2

**P:** That we may live out your impassioned response  
To the hungry and the poor;  
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **REFRAIN**

### Verse 3

**P:** For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes,  
For friends and family;  
For life and for love, for our work and our play,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **REFRAIN**

### Verse 4

**P:** For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives  
In the water and the word;  
That you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **REFRAIN**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: ELW 319 – O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days, v.3**



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.  
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (Lois Flakstad)**

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**L:** Let us pray. God of quiet, steady growth,

**C:** you meet us in the hidden places where roots stretch deep, long before any fruit is seen. Teach us to trust the seasons you keep, to believe that life is stirring even in the cold, and that your hands are never far from the soil of our lives. When we feel barren or worn thin, turn the ground gently, soften what has hardened, and feed us with your patient mercy. Let the small signs of life remind us that your Kingdom is nearer than we think, and that we are still growing into what you planted us to become. Amen.

**WORD**

**Reading From the Gospel of Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter:** Luke 18:31-34

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord. (Gary Corrigan)

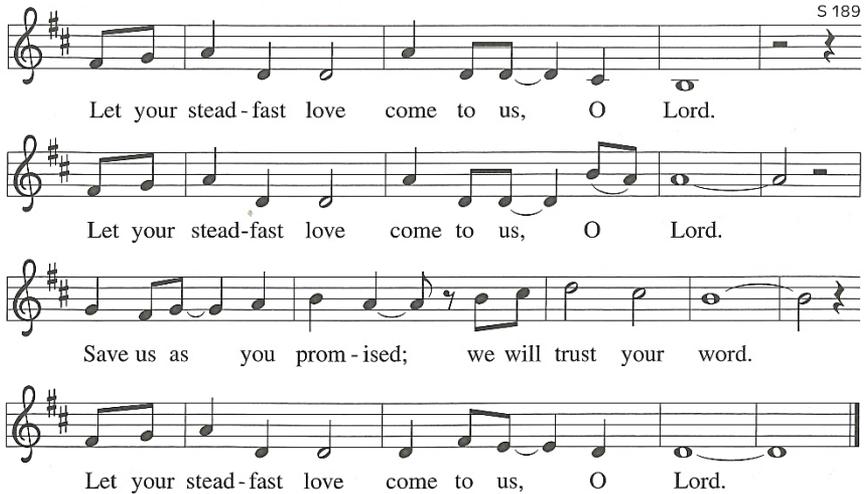
Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, "Look, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed over to the gentiles, and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again." But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

Word of God; Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### ACCLAMATION:

S 189



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

**Reading From the Gospel of Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter:** Luke 13:1-9; 21:29-33  
(Gary Corrigan)

### C: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** ELW 606 –Our Father We Have Wandered

## LENTEN CREED

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognises our deepest needs.**

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**

**We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.**

**We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.**

**We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.**

**We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.**

**This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Lois Flakstad)

God of our salvation, you seek us out and call us to yourself. We come to you with all our prayers for ourselves, others and the world in need.

*(brief silence)*

God of compassion and truth, you know the burdens we carry, the questions we struggle to voice. We come to you trusting that you hear us even when we do not fully understand ourselves. As Jesus walked toward Jerusalem with courage and clarity—grant us a measure of that same courage—to face what is real, to listen when you speak, and to recognise the signs of your Kingdom within touching distance of our lives, but which require our input to be realised. Where we feel weary or fruitless, renew us. Where our hearts have hardened, soften the soil. Where we doubt our worth or purpose, remind us that you see possibilities long before we do. This we pray, **in Jesus' name.**

God of creation, help us use our resources—money, buildings, influence, energy—not as possessions to guard but as gifts to be shared and spread wisely for the sake of growth, justice, and mission. Inspire us to be good stewards that your creation might flourish, providing for all those in any kind of need. This we pray, **in Jesus' name.**

God of change, stir in us a longing for justice, a commitment to peace, and a compassion that honours every human life. Use our hands, hearts and voices to be advocates for those in our midst without voice or vote. Embolden us to hold our leaders accountable, that your commitment to justice, peace and compassion become part of our daily lives and not just our spiritual goals. This we pray, **in Jesus' name.**

God of mercy, we pray for a world that feels fragile and unpredictable. For places torn by conflict, for communities living with fear or loss, for all who ask the ancient question: "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Bring comfort to those who grieve, strength to those who care, and wisdom to those who lead. We name before you today those we know are in need of strength and healing including **Alvin Yager, the Mathews, McClellan, McCormack families**, those on the ongoing prayer list, and all those who we name silently or aloud... This we pray, **in Jesus' name.**

**HOSANNA ONGOING PRAYERS:** Barbara Bakke, Vi Bowdige, Norm Waltho, Glenys Schmidke, Brian Shaw, Dale Grinde, Gladys Hansen, Susan Leeson, Terry Daubert, Graeme Peppink, Terry Suvanto, Harold Benn, Raymond, Fiona, Mike Wende Aldon, Pamela Beuerlein, Pat and Morley Becker, Gail Hadfield, Tom Hampton, Linda Serink, Gordon and Marlene Chapman, Dana Lesmeister, Archie Martin, Kay, Sheila Wood, Dianne and Tom Kieren, Shawn Marino, Chantel, Nathaniel Rietveld, Emily Stebner, Beth Olsen, Ken Hansen, Erwin Marquardt, Deliah Johannas, Al Wende, Liz Wise, Holly Armstrong, Darlene Brown, Marilyn Beebe, Dianne Begert, Elaine McKinlay, George Kubinski, Chelsea Sloan, Hilda Lindae

**LAKELAND ONGOING PRAYERS:** Jan (Yawn), John, Helen, Nathan, Veronica, Avery, Mel, Joe, Eric, Phyllis, Kari, Barb

We pray for your Church here in Canada and throughout the world, as we navigate pruning, change, and the painful honesty of naming what no longer bears fruit, and investing in the seeds with better chance of Kingdom growth. Protect us from despair. Protect us from fear. Protect us from the temptation to measure success by numbers, efficiency, or usefulness. Teach us to trust the soil you have given us, and look for your work that is ongoing. Today we pray for our siblings in the faith including Bishop Kathy and the people of the BC Synod. All Spiritual Directors, Saron Lutheran, Clive, and Lakeland Lutheran, Cold Lake. St. George's Anglican, Cambridge Bay. Rains of Grace Mission, Bogota, Colombia. The Lutheran Deaconess Community. The Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confessions in the Slovak Republic. The Anglican Diocese of the Yukon. The Lutheran Churches of South Africa. The Salvation Army of Canada. This we pray, **in Jesus' name.**

O God, we give thanks for all birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations among us. We celebrate this week with **Sandra Shipclark, Linda Klinger, Lisa Wickstrand, Patrick Bella, Ava Hendricksen, Sherry Suvanto, Evadine Shipclark**. Bless them on their day and in the year to come. This we pray, **in Jesus' name**.

**P:** Lord, give us eyes to see as you see, hearts to love as you love, and courage to tend faithfully the ground you have placed in our hands. We pray in the name of Jesus, who waits patiently for us to understand. **C: Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERING MUSIC:** Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs (Hosanna Choir)

**OFFERING HYMN:** ELW 692 - We are An Offering

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER** (Lois Flakstad)

**L:** Let us pray. Generous God, all that we have comes from your hand. Take these gifts and take our lives with them. Use what we offer to nurture growth, to tend fragile places, to encourage new beginnings, and to strengthen your Church in this season of change. May our giving be like good manure— spread wisely for the sake of all life that bears good. In all things, may your Kingdom grow. **C: Amen.**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD:**

**P:** Gracious God, who has named and claimed us,  
calling us your beloved children,  
you know the secrets of our hearts.  
When we sin and stray from your paths,  
you astound us with your saving grace.  
For this Word of life,  
**C: we give you thanks.**

**P:** Loving Jesus, living Word,  
in you the Kingdom of God has come near;  
through you all that was lost has been found.  
Help us to boldly follow wherever you may lead,  
trusting your promise that we need not fear,  
for you are with us.  
For this Word of life,  
**C: we give you thanks.**

**P:** Holy Spirit, the mystery in which we dwell,  
into our scarcity, your abundance flows.  
Enliven all communities with your good news.  
Guide us to love and serve Jesus,  
giving ourselves away for the sake of the world.  
For this Word of life,  
**C: we give you thanks.**

All glory to you, holy God, now and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## SENDING

### SENDING (Lois Flakstad)

**L:** As we leave our time together, know that God is big enough for all our questions, our doubts, our struggles and our tussles. Know that God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, will be walking with you as you go. Today, tomorrow and always. **C: Amen.**

### BLESSING:

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
**C: Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SENDING HYMN:** ELW 543 – Go My Children With My Blessing

### DISMISSAL:

**P:** Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

Permission to livestream the music in this service obtained from OneLicense with license "A-733297".

**Confession And Forgiveness:** Adapted from Tribal & Adivasi Sunday 2015 11 Order of Worship NCCI

**Lenten Creed:** from **Traveling to Easter with Jesus as our Guide**, posted on the website of Patmos Abbey—The Order of Saint Columba. <http://www.patmosabbey.org/>

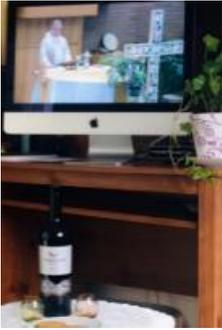
### *With thanks to those serving today:*

<b>Lay Leader</b>	Lois Flakstad
<b>Reader</b>	Gary Corrigan
<b>Special Music</b>	Hosanna Choir
<b>Greeters/ Ushers</b>	Clayton Steffler-Rogers, Matthew Leeson
<b>A/V Technology</b>	Ira F., Cindy Schriener
<b>Hospitality</b>	Sherry Suvanto, Chris Terry
<b>Offering Counters</b> <b>(March)</b>	Carl & Doreen Betke, Margaret Sadler, Marcus Busch

## TODAY

**10am Service of the Word**

**11am Sunday School**



**You are invited to join us in celebrating Holy Communion March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am.** Please prepare in advance by having bread or a gluten-free option, and wine or grape juice available to be shared. You are also invited to make your worship space special as you join us in worship. **Communion supplies are available at the church.**

## THIS WEEK: March 9<sup>th</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup>

**MONDAY** 10am Gentlemen's Coffee/ 8pm AlAnon

**TUESDAY** 10am Painters// 7pm 12-Step/ 7pm Tai Chi/ 7:15pm Confirmation

**WEDNESDAY** 10:30am Staff/ 10:30am Quilters/ 1:30pm Finance

**THURSDAY** 10am Bible Study/ **12pm Soup & Study/**

**1:30pm Lenten Service/** 2pm Food Bank/

5:15pm Handbells/ 6pm Scouts/ 7pm Choir

**FRIDAY** 8am HTH Group/ 7:30pm Women's Bible Study

**SATURDAY** 8am 12 Step Group/ 1:30pm Dancers

**COOKIE SUNDAY** 10am Holy Communion

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### STAFF AWAY DATES:

**Pr. James @ LLC** March 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

**Pr. Anna @ LLC** March 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

**Sonja away** March 9<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>

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### **ZOOM INFO for the Lenten Study:**

Time: 12pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://tinyurl.com/yf4k86cv>

Meeting ID: 876 4989 7839

Passcode: 830565

If you wish to livestream the Lenten service, click here:

[www.hosannalutheran.ab.ca/livestream](http://www.hosannalutheran.ab.ca/livestream)

# YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Order: Feb.22<sup>nd</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup>



Pick up: March 29<sup>th</sup>



Order forms for **Purdy's** and **Salisbury Greenhouse** can be picked up on the Black Counter or from a Hosanna youth on Sunday in the Narthex.

Indicate on your signup sheet what you would like us to order for you.

Services are in-person and livestreamed.

Connect through our website:

[www.hosannalutheran.ab.ca/livestream](http://www.hosannalutheran.ab.ca/livestream)

## Holy Week Schedule

10am Palm Sunday  
March 29<sup>th</sup>



7pm Maundy Thursday  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>



10am Good Friday  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>

10am Easter Sunday  
April 5<sup>th</sup>



## Campus Ministry Cookie Sunday: March 15<sup>th</sup>



It will be held on the 3rd Sunday of each month during the university year. Please bring homemade or bought cookies.

It is for the students that visit with Pastor Elly McHan in her office or at Martin Luther House.

*See Orest Myroon for more info.*



## MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

Coming in the Spring!



Membership Sunday - April 19<sup>th</sup> - tentatively.

If you are interested in or considering in becoming a member at Hosanna, please speak with Pr. James.

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**OUR MISSION** *Hosanna Lutheran Church equips God's people of all ages for Christian witness and service through worship, learning, fellowship and spiritual care.*

**OUR VISION** *Empowered by dynamic and creative liturgical Lutheran worship, Hosanna Lutheran Church will lead Edmonton in equipping Christians for spiritual growth and service.*

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