

LECTIONARY

This Week

1st Reading Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm Psalm 32
2nd Reading Romans 5:12-19
Holy Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday, March 1

1st Reading Genesis 12:1-4
Psalm Psalm 121
2nd Reading Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Gospel John 3:1-17

Sunday, March 8

1st Reading Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm Psalm 95
2nd Reading Romans 5:1-11
Gospel John 4:5-42

Sunday, March 15

1st Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm Psalm 23
2nd Reading Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel John 9:1-41

SERVING TODAY

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ANTHEMS & ORGAN SELECTIONS

Prelude *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

Spiritual, arr. Lynn L. Peterson (b. 1959)

Offertory Anthem *Wade in the Water* Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

God's a gonna trouble the water.

Wade in the water, wade in the water.
Wade in the water, wade in the water, children.
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

See that host all dressed in white,
The leader looks like an Israelite.
Wade in the water, wade in the water, children.
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

See that band all dressed in red,
Well, it looked like the band that Moses led.
Wade in the water, wade in the water, children.
Wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

Oh children, God's a gonna trouble the water.

Communion Anthem *Lord Have Mercy*

Undine Smith Moore(1904-1989)

Lord, have mercy on me. Christ, have mercy on me.
Every evening, every morning, Christ have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy on me.

Communion Meditation *Give Me Jesus*

arr. Richard Billingham (b. 1934)

Postlude *Postlude on Two Spirituals: Go Down, Moses & I Want to Be Ready* setting by Charles Callahan (1951-2023)



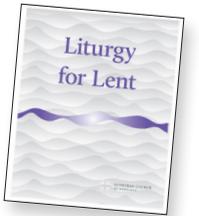
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF HONOLULU

First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 22, 2026
10:00 AM Choral Eucharist

WELCOME

Welcome to today's service—*e komo mai*. During the service, use the liturgy booklet titled **Liturgy for Lent** for the complete order of service and guide to worship. This First Sunday in Lent, we recall Christ's temptation in the wilderness as He fasted for 40 days.

We're glad you've joined our 'ohana today and hope you find Christ's message in our worship!



THIS WEEK AT LCH

Sunday	February 22	9:00 AM, Godly Play Sunday School, Godly Play Room 9:00 AM, Adult Forum, Boardroom 10:00 AM, In-person/Streaming Worship Service
Tuesday	February 24	6:00 PM, Executive Council Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM, LCH Council Zoom Meeting
Wednesday	February 25	5:00 PM, Lenten Worship Prayer Time, Fish Gate 5:45 PM, Lenten Soup and Salad Supper, Courtyard 7:00 PM, Lenten Evening Prayer, In-person/Streamed
Thursday	February 27	10:00 AM, Bible Study, Boardroom/Zoom Meeting 6:30 PM, Restorative Yoga Zoom Class 7:00 PM, LCH Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	February 28	9:00 AM, One Pot, One Hope, Maluhia Lutheran Church 5:30 PM, Food for Thought, Hörmann Home
Sunday	March 1	9:00 AM, Godly Play Sunday School, Godly Play Room 9:00 AM, Adult Forum, Boardroom 10:00 AM, In-person/Streaming Worship Service

For more event information and announcements please pick up a copy of the HeartBeat newsletter or visit our website at www.lchwelcome.org.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(Assisting Minister) Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

There is a brief silence. Prayer bids may be prayed aloud by any person desiring to do so.

God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and disobedience threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with your steadfast love and give resilience to all who work for peace. Grant courage to those who challenge, especially around issues of racism and systemic oppression. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, give peace to all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated.* *There is a brief silence.* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

(Assisting Minister) Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

(Presider) Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

*Prayer list: Alan G., Alex M., Amanda L., Betty H., Bob H., Chuck P. and Josie B., Dave B., Don J., Elaine, Geneva J. and family, George T., Greg G., Harold W., Jane H., Jason M., Jean L. and her family, John B., John S., Kristin H., LaVerne R., Margaret H., Michael, Mirriam and Miles S., Nancy B., Nan W., Peggy A., Kathy M., Salina R., Tony P., Yvonne and Andy M..

HYMNS

Gathering Hymn <i>O Lord, Throughout these Forty Days</i>	ELW 319
Children's Hymn <i>Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land (Refrain)</i>	ELW 333
Hymn of the Day <i>As Your Spirit in the Desert</i>	INSERT
Sending Hymn <i>Bless Now, O God, the Journey</i>	ELW 326

SERVICE MUSIC

Psalmody Psalm 32:I-8 Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962)



While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long. For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

antiphon

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

antiphon

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in the time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

antiphon

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Liturgy for Lent



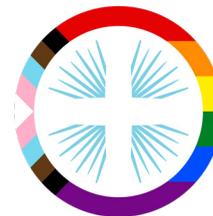
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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF HONOLULU

Founded in 1900 by German immigrants, the Lutheran Church of Honolulu (LCH) has evolved into a diverse, progressive congregation. We strive to live out the inclusive love of God at home, in the local community, and across the globe. Our worship blends the beauty and mystery of traditional Christian liturgy with music, drama, and the visual arts to communicate God's liberating, unselfish love.

Our service ministries reach far beyond the church walls. Through social and pastoral care ministries, we care for our church family and serve the homeless, the home bound, and those living with HIV/AIDS. As part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we work with organizations like Lutheran World Relief and Bread for the World to meet the needs of the poor in the USA and other countries.

We welcome your presence here at this festive worship service and invite you to learn more about the Lutheran Church of Honolulu and our work in the community.



LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF HONOLULU

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 AM **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**
Classes and activities for all ages.

10:00 AM **MORNING EUCHARIST**
Join us for Holy Communion celebrated in a variety of liturgical styles. All are welcome.

7:00 PM **COMPLINE** (*Third Sundays*) Compline is the last prayer service of the day in the monastic cycle, featuring a *cappella* singing and chanting in a contemplative, candlelit setting. All are invited to our services on the third Sunday of each month at 7:00 PM from September to May.



E KOMO MAI

Welcome to today's service and to the Lutheran Church of Honolulu. During worship use this liturgy booklet for the complete order of service and guide to worship. Use the bulletin for elements unique to today's service such as notes about the readings, the prayers of intercession, hymns for the service, and other musical elements. You'll see a 📖 symbol with a page reference when something's in the bulletin.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is a time of deepening within the Christian tradition. Historically, Lent was the time for those choosing the Christian faith to enter into a time of instruction and prayer prior to being baptized at Easter Vigil. For those already baptized, Lent was a time for penitence, prayer, confession, and fasting. Although the season of Lent is not observed in every Christian tradition, it remains a powerful reminder of God's deep love for us in Jesus. These 40 days of Lent mirror the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness and the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert. In that time apart, both Jesus and the Israelites claim a

new understanding of their relationship with God, and so shall we.

The season of Lent unfolds just as Winter is closing and Spring is peeking out. (The word "lent" comes from the word for the lengthening of days in Spring.) Our liturgy reflects the deep spiritual roots that form in these early days of the season and flower in the glory of Easter. We will sing of hope and love and share in the sorrow of our neighbor and the cosmos, and we will rejoice in new birth and weep for the dead. But we will not be alone. We journey with each other together with the Spirit as we live the love of God here and now, forever.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome

Prelude

Land Acknowledgement

Presider We gather on holy ground born of fire and water, which became home to a verdant and living community in the middle of a vast ocean. Since ancient times, this place has been 'aina to the Hawaiian people.

Asst. Min. We are honored to worship in the moku of Kona and the ahupua'a of Waikiki.

Call to Worship

Presider The Holy Spirit calls us together and weaves us into the body of Christ.
Come, let us worship.

Please stand as you are able and face the baptismal font for the Confession and Forgiveness.

Confession and Forgiveness

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of Baptism.

Asst. Min. Blessed Creator, maker of brilliant day and the stars of the night, who looks upon us and all creation with compassion and love and brings healing to our hurt, hear us as we give voice to our confession.

Asst. Min. Holy and gracious God,

People **Have mercy on us, for we have sinned against you, our neighbor, and all of creation.**

Asst. Min. We struggle to live out your life of love.

People **Forgive us for not seeing to the needs of our neighbor, and teach us to see our neighbor with new eyes and hearts.**

Asst. Min. We are selfish in our stewardship of the earth.

People **Forgive us for our short-sightedness and thoughtless use of your gift of creation, and teach us to care more deeply for what you have created.**

Asst. Min. We fail to adequately care for those in need.

People **Forgive us for ways in which we have not given help to those in need, and teach us to have a compassionate heart.**

Presider By God's infinite mercy and love, God restores us to abundant life in our Lord

Jesus Christ. By grace we are made whole with God and with one another. Receive the joy of forgiveness that you might live forever as God's beloved in harmony with all that God has made.

People **Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

Or

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Presider Blessed be the Creator of all things, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

People **Amen.**

Asst. Min. Joined to Christ in the living waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Asst. Min. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

People **In water and Word, you make us your own.**

Asst. Min. Through the waters of the flood you saved Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

People **In water and Word, you make us your own.**

Asst. Min We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life: for the Pacific Ocean that is our home, for the Ko'olau and Wai'anea watersheds that sustain us, for gentle rains that nourish the earth, and for the waters of baptism that bring us the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

People **Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

People To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

▣ P. C

Greeting

Presider The grace of Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Kyrie

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Day

☰ P. A

Presider God is with us, let us pray.

please be seated

WORD

First Reading

☰ P. D

Lector A reading from _____.

at the conclusion

Lector **Word of God, word of life.**

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

☰ P. C

Second Reading

☰ P. D

Lector A reading from _____.

at the conclusion

Lector **Word of God, word of life.**

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able to welcome the gospel singing this acclamation or other appropriate response.

Gospel Acclamation



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.

Gospel

☰ P. A

Asst. Min. The Holy Gospel according to _____, the _____ chapter.

People **Glory to you, O Lord.**

at the conclusion

Asst. Min. The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Children's Hymn

☰ P. C

Children's Conversation

Children's Hymn

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Sermon

please stand as able

Hymn of the Day

☰ P. C

Affirmation of Faith

People We believe in God, whose creative love touches all life;
Who watches over all creatures with compassionate care;
Who honors our freedom as we search for meaning and value.
We believe in Jesus, whose liberating love extends to all people;
Who ministered to the weak, the poor, and the lowly;
Who fed the hungry with more than just bread;
Who challenged the powers that be by his demand for justice;
Who committed his own life, non-violently, in faithfulness
to a divine vision,
The vision of a kingdom we might call a Beloved Community.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose reconciling love makes for peace;
Whose witness to truth continues to be heard in
the lives of faithful people;
Whose abiding presence heals divisions and discord;
Who inspires us to aim for new ideals of truth, beauty, and goodness;
Who gathers us together in communities of mutual caring,
adventure, and love.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

☰ P. B



MEAL

Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be with you always.

People **And also with you.**

*All are invited to greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.** At the conclusion, please be seated.*

Offering

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

Asst. Min. Let us pray.

People **We give thanks to you, gracious and loving God, for the gifts and treasures you bestow, and with joyous hearts we present these offerings as a sign of love for you and for each other. Amen.**

Dialogue

Presider The LORD be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the LORD.**

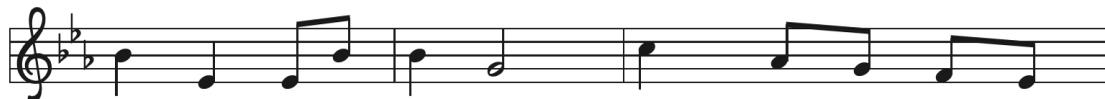
Presider Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

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

Proper Preface for Lent

Presider It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so with all your people everywhere, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Presider We give you thanks and praise, our Maker, ever-present Spirit, and Comforter, for all that we are and all that we shall become.

Asst. Min. For this land and those who first called it home. For the sea and the mighty creatures who thrive there. For sky and cloud and stars that remind us of the vastness of your creation. For those who we love and those friends we know now and will come to know soon. For the gift of a living ministry in a lineage of Sarah, Abraham, Mary, and the disciples.

Presider And for Jesus your beloved, who on the night before he died 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.
And so we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Asst. Min. All praise to you, God of peace, Giver of all that is good, blessed and holy one in our midst.

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Presider Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

People **Amen.**



Lord's Prayer

Cantor



As our Sav - ior Christ has taught us we ___ now pray:

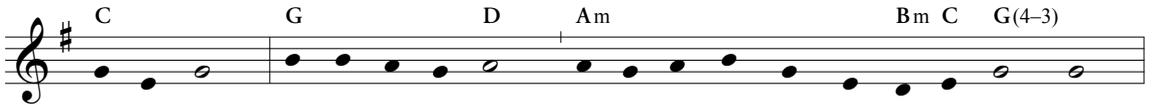
People



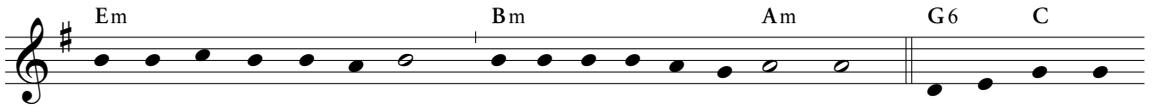
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,



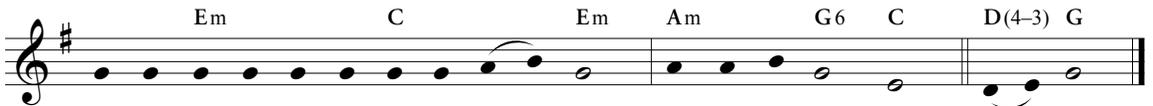
your will be done, on earth ___ as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our



dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom,



and the pow - er, and the glo - ry are ___ yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Christ is the host and everyone is invited to the table. All are welcome to receive communion at the Lutheran Church of Honolulu. Ushers will guide you forward to the communion rail. Wine is red. Grape juice is white. Gluten free wafers are available.

The mystery hidden for the ages is revealed for us in this meal. Come, behold and receive your God.

Please be seated.

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.

Communion

After all have communied, please stand as able.

Prayer after Communion

Asst. Min. Let us pray.

People We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have nourished us with bread, wine, your word, your grace, and your love. Send us out into the world that we might do justice and serve you in humble love. Amen

Sending

Blessing

Presider May God who blesses all creation continue to give hope, light, love, and courage for the days that are ahead of us

People **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

☰ P. C

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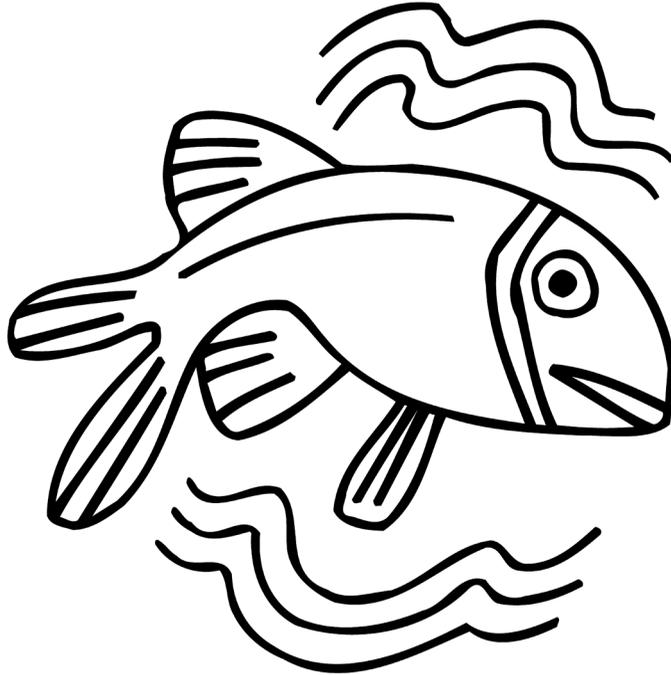
Asst. Min. Go with God, bring the Good news to the world.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



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