



*THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*March 23, 2025*

**THANK YOU** for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

**THANK OFFERING:** Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

**RESTROOMS** are located at the back of the upper level (the annex), and in the basement (down the back stairs of the sanctuary or annex). Handicap access is available, please ask an usher for assistance.

**YOUNG FAMILIES / TODDLER BAGS** – We are **GLAD YOU BROUGHT YOUR CHILDREN** to our worship service. Jesus said: *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* We know that having little children in church can be a challenge, but **DO NOT WORRY** about it. Many of your fellow worshippers have been in your shoes and are just happy you brought your children with you. For your convenience, we have reserved the back rows of seating for parents with small children. These areas provide more flexibility for your family, as well as, easy access to move downstairs if necessary. A closed-circuit TV system allows families to continue participating in the service while downstairs. Pre-school **toddler bags** and **children's bulletins** are available for their enjoyment. Ask an usher for one to use during the service and please return the toddler bag afterwards.

# 867 Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

CW 867 sts. 1-2, Ref, 3-4



1 Af - flict - ed saint, to Christ draw near, your Sav - ior's  
 2 Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the  
 3 Should per - se - cu - tion rage and flame, still trust in  
 4 When called to bear your weight - y cross, or sore af -



gra - cious prom - ise hear; his faith - ful Word you can be -  
 con - flict should be long, the Lord will make the tempt - er  
 your Re - deem - er's name. In fi - ery tri - als you shall  
 flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress, or pov - er -



lieve, that as your days your strength shall be. v. 2  
 flee, that as your days your strength shall be. Refrain  
 see that as your days your strength shall be. Refrain  
 ty, still as your days your strength shall be. Refrain



So, sing with joy, af - flict - ed one; the bat - tle's fierce, but the



vic - t'ry's won! God shall sup - ply all that you need;



yes, as your days your strength shall be.

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Please stand if you are able

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just**

**and will forgive us our sins**

**and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

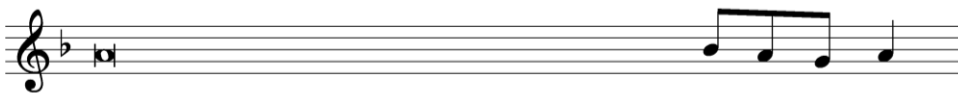
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Lord, Have Mercy



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



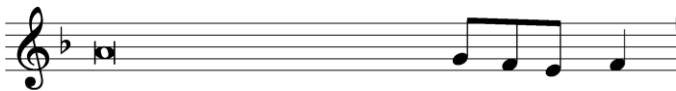
For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



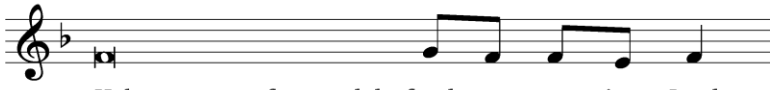
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

## Exodus 3:1–15

<sup>1</sup>Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

<sup>2</sup>The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. <sup>3</sup>So he said, “I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up.”

<sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, “Moses! Moses!”

Moses said, “I am here.”

<sup>5</sup>The LORD said, “Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup>He then said, “I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said, “I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. <sup>8</sup>So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>Now indeed, the Israelites’ cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup>Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

<sup>12</sup>So he said, “I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what should I say to them?”

<sup>14</sup>So God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He also said, “You will say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.”

<sup>15</sup>God also told Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.’”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHOIR

## *“I Run to Christ”*

I run to Christ when chased by fear and find a refuge sure.

“Believe in me,” his voice I hear; his words and wounds secure.

I run to Christ when torn by grief and find abundant peace.

“I too had tears,” he gently speaks; thus joy and sorrow meet.

I run to Christ when worn by life and find my soul refreshed.

“Come unto me,” he calls though strife; fatigue gives way to rest.

I run to Christ when vexed by hell and find a mighty arm.

“The devil flees,” the Scriptures tell; he roars but cannot harm.

I run to Christ when stalked by sin and find a sure escape.

“Deliver me,” I cry to him; temptation yields to grace.

I run to Christ when plagued by shame and find my one defense.

“I bore God’s wrath,” he pleads my case—my advocate and friend.

I run to Christ in joy and grief, and worship at his feet.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

<sup>1</sup>For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup>They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples to warn us not to desire evil things the way they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters like some of them—as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and got up to celebrate wildly.” <sup>8</sup>And let us not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell. <sup>9</sup>Let us not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and so were being destroyed by the serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not grumble, as some of them grumbled, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>All these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come.

<sup>12</sup>So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, if you are able*

## Gospel Acclamation

2 Peter 3:9



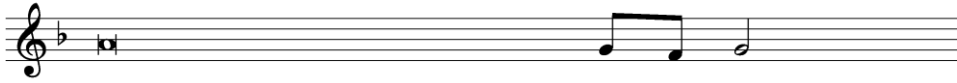
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Glo - ry, praise, and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

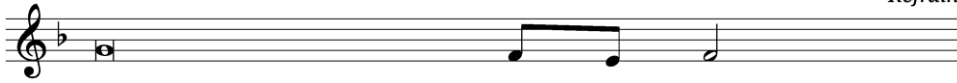


*Tone*



He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to per - ish,

*Refrain*



but everyone to come to re - pent - ance.

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## Gospel

Luke 13:1–9

<sup>1</sup>At that time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered these things? <sup>3</sup>I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse sinners than all the people living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too.”

<sup>6</sup>He told them this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it, but he did not find any. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘Look, for three years now I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and I have found none. Cut it down. Why even let it use up the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>But the gardener replied to him, ‘Sir, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put fertilizer on it. <sup>9</sup>If it produces fruit next year, fine. But if not, then cut it down.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

## 712 Delay Not! Delay Not

CW 712



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!  
2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,  
3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,  
4 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.  
for mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.  
long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight  
the love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed, the Sav - ior is here;  
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;  
and leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,  
A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



re - demp - tion is pur - chased, God's prom - ise is true.  
its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.  
to sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.  
Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

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## Sermon

Luke 13:1–9

### “The Time is Now”

*Please stand, if you are able*

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Please be seated*

# 404 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

CW 404



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing in your ho - ly  
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion fas - ci - nate my  
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es with the broad and  
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me by your wounds, Lord,  
 5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, grant that in your



wounds I find, ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing pains of  
 sin - ful mind, let me think a - bout your pas - sion, and new  
 eas - y road, with se - duc - tive, sin - ful vic - es, let me  
 is made whole; when I'm weak, your cross re - vives me, grant - ing  
 death I trust, know - ing death has lost its pow - er since you



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in  
 cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,  
 weigh the aw - ful load you were will - ing to en - dure.  
 new life to my soul. Yes, your com - fort ren - ders sweet  
 crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let your ag - o - ny



tempt my treach-'rous heart to sin, show the per - il,  
 let me then be on my guard, say - ing, "Christ for  
 Help me flee all thoughts im - pure, mas - ter - ing each  
 ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; for your all - a -  
 ev - er help and com - fort me; when I die be



and from sin - ning keep me ere its first be - gin - ning.  
 me was wound - ed," that the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.  
 wild temp - ta - tion, calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.  
 ton - ing pas - sion has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.  
 my pro - tec - tion, light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

*Please stand if you are able*

## **Prayer**

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# 923 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CW 923



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no  
 strong de - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more, feed me till I want no more.  
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

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