

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

1 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. 3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. 4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. 5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. 6 Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; 7 let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

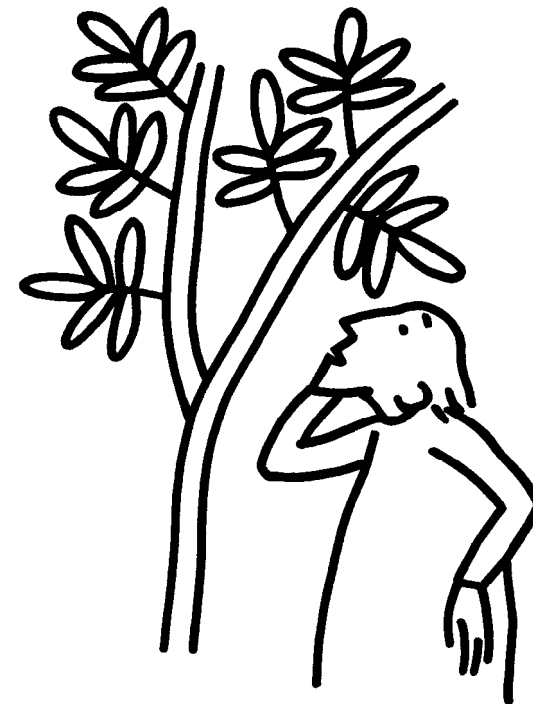
Second Reading: I Corinthians 10:1-13

1 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 and all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. 6 Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. 7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." 8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. 9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. 10 And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 These things

happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. 13 No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

1 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 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 others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." 6 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. 7 So he said to the gardener, '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?' 8 He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'" 10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11 And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." 13 When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 7, 2010

The purpose of First Lutheran Church is to REACH, NOURISH & EMPOWER people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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Third Sunday in Lent

8:15 & 10:15am

Sunday, March 7, 2010

Prelude 3 Preludes and Fugues Op. 87 Dmitri Shostakovich
 #4 in E minor, #5 in D major, #6 in A major
 Preludes for Piano Op. 6 Robert Muczynski
 #2 Lento, #4 Allegretto meno mosso

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness ELW p. 94

Hymn *Gather Us In* ELW #532

Kyrie ELW p. 203

Hymn of Praise *Glory to God* ELW p. 204

Prayer of the Day

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 68:1-8

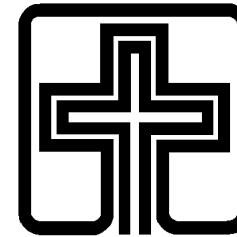
¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

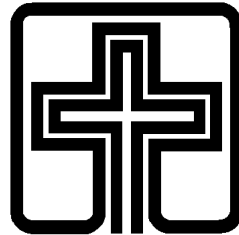
²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

⁴**So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

⁵My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

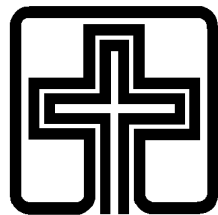




**⁶when I remember you up on my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**
⁷For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
**⁸My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

Second Reading		I Corinthians 10:1-13
Anthem 8:15	<i>As the Deer Pants</i>	Rosephanye Powell
	Grace Notes	
10:15	<i>Come & Kneel at the Cross</i>	Price & Besig
	Chancel Choir	
Gospel		Luke 13:1-9
	The Gospel of our Lord	
	Thanks be to God!	
Sermon	<i>“Standing on Holy Ground”</i>	Pastor Naomi Garber
Hymn	<i>All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly</i>	ELW #461
	<i>Offering collected during hymn.</i>	
The Apostle’s Creed		ELW p. 105
Prayers of the People		
	Lord, in your mercy,	
	Hear our prayer.	
Offertory	<i>Create in Me a Clean Heart</i>	ELW #188
The Great Thanksgiving		ELW p.207
Words of Institution		
Lord’s Prayer		ELW p. 208
Distribution of the Bread and Wine		

Communion Anthem 8:15	<i>Agnus Dei</i>	Ron Kean
	Grace Notes	
10:15	<i>Communion Meditation</i>	Traditional
	Chancel Choir	
Blessing and Prayer		
Benediction		
Sending Song	<i>O Living Bread from Heaven</i>	ELW #542
Dismissal		
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.		
Thanks be to God!		
Postlude	Choral on "Detroit"	Wilbur Held



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Hospital: Mercy: Helen Littell, Jeanine Wakefield, Don Staven, Joseph Mooney, Norm Gesteland, Vivienne Wegner.

St. Mary's: Dee Hurst, Jamie Kent-Schneider

Deaths: Paul Rivas

In Service: Sarah Biggs, Calvin Castleberry, Thomas Christianson, Gregory Cinocco, Michael Day, Tony Duval, Chester Fellech, T. J. Hartlaub, Ryan Laughlin, Eric Hofmeister, Greg Klaas, Matt Koopmann, Mark Griffin, Scott Kjendlie, Tyler Kjendlie, Andrew Lindaas, Robbie Litzer, Chris Maney, Christopher Olson, Stephen H. Pearson, Michael Pederson, James Richardson, David Tim, Jon Sunby, Marc Sunby, Matthew Winters.

Prayers for: Othela Ambrose, Phyllis Anderson, Dorothy Bund, Linda Cary, Kay Clark, Karen Curry, Olive Dorn, Kathleen Fooks, Karen Frank, Ruth Fraser, Pat Garvin, Norm Gesteland, Warren Gunness, Harriet Hanson, Edith Hatch, Shelly Hoium, Jan Hunt, Alice Johnson, Becky Kessler, Maxine Kessinger, Doris Koch, Betty Knutson, LaVerne LeClaire, Carson Leatherberry, Lillian McWilliams, Dolly Messner, David Messner, Irene Miller, Helen Nichols, Maxine Nobiensky, Ed Paape, Alice Punzel, Art Raber, Alverda Riese, Otto Rusch, Fred Schroeder, Barbara Schmidt, Matt Severson, Irene Stokke, Taylor, (grandson of Frank & Donna Liston), Beverly Walker, Gloria Woodman, Brent Worden, Lorraine Zemke.

Please keep these families in your prayers.