

# March 16, 2025



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## JEREMIAH

“Troublesome Truths”

Pre-service Music: “Almighty”

## Welcome and Announcements

### Strong God

Father to the fatherless, Defender of the weak, Freedom for the prisoner we sing  
This is God in His holy place, This is God clothed in love and strength

Sing out, lift your voice and cry out, Awesome is our strong God, mighty is our God  
You're with us in the wilderness faithful to provide  
Ev'ry breath and ev'ry step, we see.

This is God in His holy place, This is God clothed in love and strength

*Sing out, lift your voice and cry out, Awesome is our strong God, mighty is our God*  
*Sing out, raise your hands and shout out,*  
*Awesome is our strong, God mighty is our God*

There is no higher, no, There is no greater, no  
There is none stronger than our God (x3) ... *Chorus x 2*

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## Confession and Absolution

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

C **Amen**

P Dear friends .... since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that without You, we are in the darkness of sin. Cleanse us from the filth of our sin. Refresh us from the dryness and lifelessness of our spirits. Thaw our frozen hearts, unable to love. Bend our inflexible will and foolish pride to Your will. Guide us who are so apt to stray from Your commands.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray ... O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Scripture Readings

### Old Testament Reading - Jeremiah 26:8-15

<sup>8</sup>When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! <sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Epistle - Philippians 3:17—4:1**

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Holy Gospel - Luke 13:31—35**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third

day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

## Children's Message & Children's Church

*After the message, children will be dismissed for an age-appropriate Bible story and lesson. Children will return to their families in time for communion*

### LSB #765 - God Moves in a Mysterious Way



1 God moves in a mys - te - rious way His  
 2 Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, But  
 3 His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, Un -  
 4 Blind un - be - lief is sure to err And  
 5 You fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; The



won - ders to per - form; He plants His foot - steps  
 trust Him for His grace; Be - hind a frown - ing  
 fold - ing ev - 'ry hour; The bud may have a  
 scan His work in vain; God is His own in -  
 clouds you so much dread Are big with mer - cy



in the sea And rides up - on the storm.  
 prov - i - dence Faith sees a smil - ing face.  
 bit - ter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.  
 ter - pret - er, And He will make it plain.  
 and will break In bless - ings on your head.

# Message from God's Word

"Troublesome Truths" - Jeremiah 26:8-15

*Thank you to Rev. Dr. William Mundt for leading us in worship*

## Profession of Faith

### "In God We Believe"

In God we believe; the Creator whose power  
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour  
He graciously grants us our years and our days  
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways

In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured  
True God and true man once the cross He endured  
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin  
With hearts free from guilt, we know true peace within

God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess  
With power and truth, the church now He does bless  
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then  
Be living in glory forever, Amen

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## Prayer of the Church

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or sent to the office by mail or e-transfers to [info@chilliwacklutheran.com](mailto:info@chilliwacklutheran.com)*

**P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

- P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, including those we have named in our prayer requests and in our hearts ... Lord we pray all times: Your will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

## Service of the Sacrament

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**O**ur 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 for ever and ever. Amen

**P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

### **The Words of Our Lord**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

## Lamb Of God

Lamb of God you take away, The sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us (*repeat*)

Lamb of God you take away, The sins of the world,  
Grant us peace, Grant us peace

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## Distribution of the Lord's Supper

### LSB #745 - In God, My Faithful God



1 In God, my faith - ful God, I trust when dark my road;  
2 My sins fill me with care, Yet I will not de - spair.  
3 If death my por - tion be, It brings great gain to me;  
4 O Je - sus Christ, my Lord, So meek in deed and word,  
5 "So be it," then, I say With all my heart each day.



Great woes may o - ver - take me, Yet He will not for - sake me.  
I build on Christ, who loves me; From this rock noth - ing moves me.  
It speeds my life's en - deav - or To live with Christ for - ev - er.  
You suf - fered death to save us Be - cause Your love would have us  
Dear Lord, we all a - dore You, We sing for joy be - fore You.



My trou - bles He can al - ter; His hand lets noth - ing fal - ter.  
To Him I will sur - ren - der, To Him, my soul's de - fend - er.  
He gives me joy in sor - row, Come death now or to - mor - row.  
Be heirs of heav'n - ly glad - ness When ends this life of sad - ness.  
Guide us while here we wan - der Un - til we praise You yon - der.

## How Beautiful

*How beautiful; how beautiful;  
How beautiful is the body of Christ.*

How beautiful the hands that served; The wine and the bread;  
And the sons of the earth. How beautiful the feet that walked;  
The long dusty roads; And the hill to the cross. *Chorus*



How beautiful the heart that bled;  
That took all my sin; And bore it instead.

How beautiful the tender eyes;  
That chose to forgive; And never despise. *Chorus*

And as He laid down His life; We offer this sacrifice  
That we will live just as He died;  
Willing to pay the price; Willing to pay the price. *Chorus*

How beautiful the radiant Bride; Who waits for her Groom;  
With His light in her eyes. How beautiful when humble hearts give;  
The fruit of pure lives; So that others may live. *Chorus*

How beautiful the feet that bring; The sound of good news;  
And the love of the King. How beautiful the hands that serve;  
The wine and the bread; And the sons of the earth. *Chorus*

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### **Here is Love**

Here is love vast as the ocean, Loving kindness as the flood  
When the Prince of life our ransom,  
Shed for us his precious blood  
Who his love will not remember,  
Who can cease to sing his praise  
He can never be forgotten, Throughout heaven's eternal days  
On the mount of crucifixion, Fountains opened deep and wide  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy,  
Flowed a vast and gracious tide  
Grace and love like mighty rivers,  
Poured incessant from above  
And heaven's peace and perfect justice, Kissed a guilty world in love

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## Post-Communion Canticle

### LSB #806 – Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given, Jesus Christ His Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks.

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### **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray ... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

**C Amen.**

## LSB #733 – O God Our Help in Ages Past

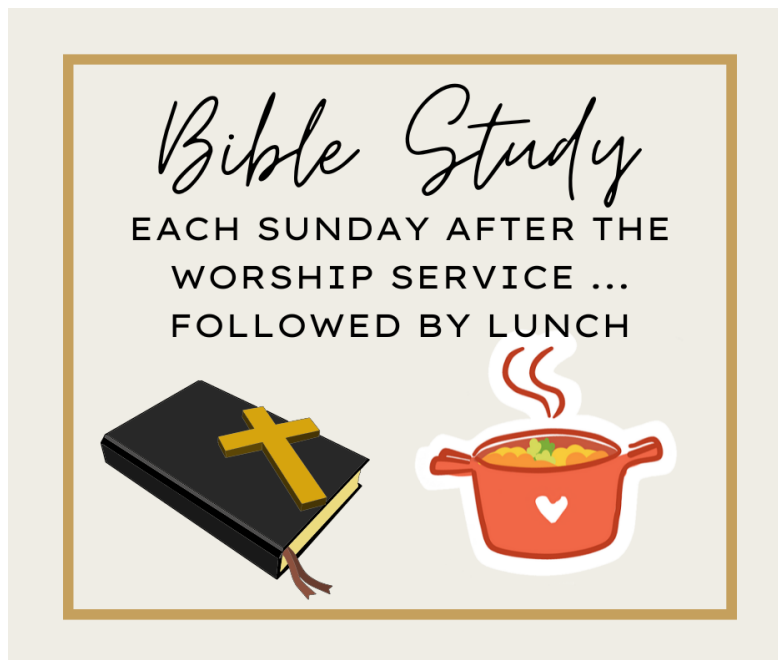


1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:  
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.  
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream, Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last, And our eternal home!



On March 23 we will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Dr. William Mundt. A warm welcome to extended to all who would like to join us for this special occasion. Following the 10:00 am worship service there will be Mission Lunch, by donation, with all proceeds going to support the work in Ukraine by one of Pastor Mundt's former students – Vicar Nikolaj Pohiliy



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