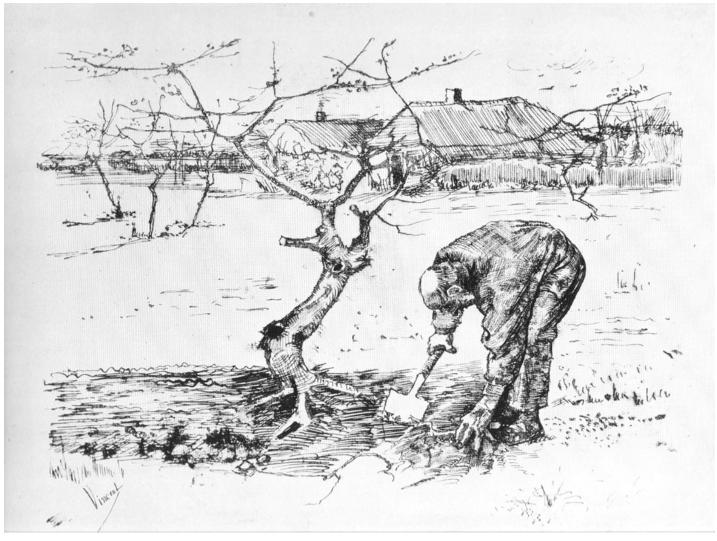


THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 23, 2025



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Give us today our daily bread. ~ Matthew 6:11

~ GATHERING TOGETHER ~

Prelude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Matthew 6*)

Give us this day our daily bread.

For all of us share in God's grace.

| *GATHERING | Let Us Come to Worship God | GTG #387 |
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| | by I-to Loh | HIAO HOIAN |

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Listen, siblings of faith. Today, you will receive the good news of Jesus.
The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.
Today, God will speak to us, filling our hearts and healing our souls.
The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.
Today, there will be enough bread for all, enough to mend every broken place.
The bread of life has come to sustain us. Believing this promise, let us worship together!

| *Hymn | GREAT GOD OF EVERY BLESSING | GTG #694 |
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| | by David Gambrell | AURELIA |

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of abundance, we confess we overlook your daily provision. We take your gifts for granted, longing for what we do not have instead of treasuring what we do. Our hearts are often filled with envy, and our desires pull us away from gratitude. Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes to your faithfulness and teach us to live with contentment and thanksgiving. We trust that you provide all we truly need. Amen. *[Silent Confession]*

| *Response | CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART | GTG #422 |
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| | PSALM 51 | CREATE IN ME (Capers) |

***Assurance of Pardon**

Siblings in faith, hear this good news: Our compassionate God is faithful to pardon our sins and will set us on the paths of gratitude and generosity. Receive forgiveness and be at peace.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

SPREAD THE WORD

SACRED RECIPES

~ SHARING IN THE GOSPEL ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

ISAIAH 55:1-9 HEBREW BIBLE Pew Bible p.644(OT)HYMN JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA GTG #442 by Charlotte Elliot WOODWORTH **GOSPEL LESSON** LUKE 13:1-9 Pew Bible p.71(NT)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. For all of us share in God's grace.

SERMON

~ TENDING THE GOOD NEWS ~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A* Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

OUTREACH TEAM

SUE SAUNDERS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

GLORY TO GOD, Whose Goodness Shines on Me GTG #582 by Paul M. Vasile

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ GOING FORTH TO NURTURE ~

*Hymn

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR by Annie S. Hawks GTG #735 NEED

*BENEDICTION (from John 6:58, Philippians 1:7)

This is the bread that came down from heaven. For all of us share in God's grace.

POSTLUDE

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