

Second Sunday in Lent

**Sunday, March 16, 2025**

7:45 AM

# I AM...



*...the Light of the World*



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## WORSHIP INFORMATION

**Please silence your electronic devices during service.**

"P" signifies the pastor, "L" signifies the leader, and "C" signifies the congregation.

For responsive readings, the congregation parts are in **bold**.

**\* Indicates: "please stand (as you are comfortable)"**

## INTRODUCTION

The "I AM" statements in the gospel of John are Jesus Christ's description of himself. For all that has been written, sung, and debated about the life and work of Christ, nothing allows us such a deep glimpse into the heart of our Savior as the "I AM" statements. These statements not only tell us who Jesus is, but they say something about his mission, his purpose, and his reason for taking on flesh. The phrase "I AM" in Jesus' statements is not used in the everyday sense, as in "I am hungry" or "I am tired." Instead, Jesus' statements are meant as absolutes. "I AM" means "I am, have been, and always will be." In these statements, Jesus claims his divinity.

## PRELUDE

Alex Bennett, organ

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Jesus said, "I AM the Light of the World."

**C: We come longing for light because our lives are crowded with shadows.**

P: Jesus said, "I AM the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness."

**C: Your light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to put it out.**

P: Jesus said, "I AM the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will have the light of life."

**C: Let your light shine through us, now and forever.**

P: Jesus said, "I AM the Light of the World. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

**C: Shine brightly in our darkness so that we may shine with the radiance of your love.**

## \*OPENING HYMN: Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

## \*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

### \*KYRIE



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



**A** For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



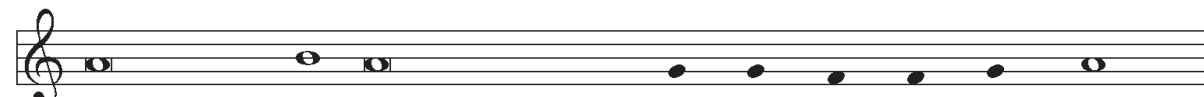
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

### \*GLORY TO GOD



**A** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**G** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

**\*SALUTATION**



♩ The Lord be with you.      ♪ And al - so with you.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Radiant God,

**C: you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness, and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**WELCOME HOME!**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**THE FIRST READING:** Psalm 18:25-30

NRSVue

L: <sup>25</sup>With the loyal you show yourself loyal; with the blameless you show yourself blameless;

**C: <sup>26</sup>with the pure you show yourself pure; and with the crooked you show yourself shrewd.**

L: <sup>27</sup>For you deliver a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down.

**C: <sup>28</sup>It is you who light my lamp; the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness.**

L: <sup>29</sup>By you I can outrun a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.

**C: <sup>30</sup>This God—his way is perfect; the promise of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all who take refuge in him.**

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE SECOND READING:** 1 John 1:5-10

NRSVue

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we

deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Return to the Lord*



♩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra-cious and mer-ci-ful,



slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in stead - fast love.



**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 8:12-20

NRSVue

<sup>12</sup> Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." <sup>13</sup> Then the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." <sup>14</sup> Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You judge by human standards; I judge no one. <sup>16</sup> Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid, for it is not I alone who judge but I and the Father who sent me. <sup>17</sup> In your law it is written that the testimony of two

witnesses is valid. <sup>18</sup> I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf." <sup>19</sup> Then they said to him, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." <sup>20</sup> He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Praise be to Christ.**

**SERMON:** "I AM... the Light of the World"

Pastor Erin Morris



**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** O Christ, You Are the Light and Day

1 O Christ, you are the light and day; you drive the  
 2 A - rise, O God, our shield, re - pel the darts and  
 4 To God the Fa - ther and the Son and Ho - ly

gloom of night a - way; grant, Light of light, your  
 sub - tle - ties of hell; let your right hand, out -  
 Spir - it, Three in One, be glo - ry in the

word to show the light of heav'n to us be - low.  
 stretched a - bove, guard those who serve the Lord they love.  
 high - est giv'n by all on earth and all in heav'n!

Text: Latin hymn, 6th cent., sts. 1-3; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, st. 4; tr. William J. Copeland, 1804-1885, sts. 1-3, alt.  
 Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

P: People of God, what is it we profess to be true?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: God, in your mercy,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

**C: Amen.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

Many services and missions of the church are benefited by your generous offerings.

- Canyon del Oro Assembly of God Food Pantry
- Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona • ELCA Grand Canyon Synod
- Interfaith Community Services (ICS) • Marana Food Bank • Youth on Their Own (YOTO)
- Primavera Men's Shelter • Impact • Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
- Sister Jose Women's Center • Wycliffe Bible Missionaries
- Lutheran Campus Ministry of U of A. Thank you!

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Draw Me to the Cross*

Gary W. Matthews, arr Lloyd Larson  
Chancel Choir; Pam Batten, piano

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Gracious Provider, you are the Light of the World and the host of this meal. Bless and multiply these gifts we give as tokens of our trust in you. Use them to bless the poor, feed the hungry, and comfort those who weep, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**  
**Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**





## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.**

## \*JESUS' PROMISE AND COMMAND

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED - All are invited to the Lord's table.

- Receive a wafer and dip it in either red wine or white grape juice.
- Indicate you need a gluten free wafer by holding up two fingers.
- Individually wrapped communion packs are available.
- Those not receiving communion may come forward for a spoken blessing.
- If you are unable to come forward, notify an usher and we will come to you.

## VIDEO PRESENTATION: *The Heart of Lent*

## COMMUNION HYMNS: *Lamb of God*

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

*Refrain*  
sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
rod and to be called a lamb of God. God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me  
in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Text: Twila Paris, b. 1958

Music: Twila Paris

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*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

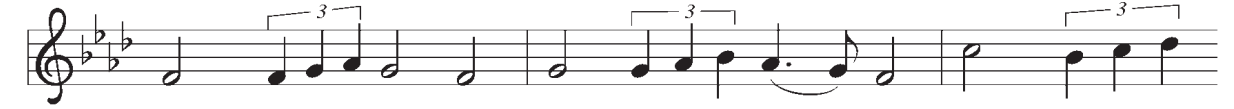


from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869  
 Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927



*Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow*



1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward  
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the  
 3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as  
 4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,



goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -  
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and  
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the  
 with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -  
 ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the  
 per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the  
 bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall



fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the  
 ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which  
 glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -  
 come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of  
 nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing  
 ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y  
 of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all



pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.  
 for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.  
 Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.  
 shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.



**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: May God, the Father of light, ✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you on this Lenten journey.

C: Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN: In the Cross of Christ I Glory**



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
love up - on my way, from the cross the



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.

**\*DISMISSAL**

C: **Called by God's Spirit, we are to be the presence of Christ in our daily lives so that others will follow him.**


P: Go in peace. Be light for the world.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

Alex Bennett, organ

*Please join us during the 10:45 service...*



We celebrate the baptism of

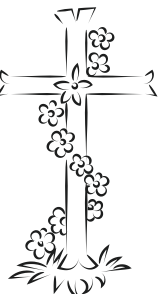
**Liam Asher Loebe**

Born: July 27, 2024

Parents: Migdelina Loebe & Marcos Loebe

Godparents:

Norma and Paul Garcia  
and  
Andres and Diana Acosta



## Financial Information Update:

Financial updates will be published in April, July and October.  
Thank you.

### Attendance for last week:

Oro Valley: 607  
SaddleBrooke: 132  
Online: 318

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to continue the mission to which God has called us!*

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**Altar flowers are given by  
Linda Raymond to the Glory of God  
and by The Olson Family in memory of Jon.**



**There is a special rose on the altar today to honor baby Makenna Mae Morris  
who would have been baptized with her cousin on Sunday.  
She celebrates this eternal promise with Jesus in her heavenly home.**



## ASSISTING US

### 7:45 AM Service:

#### Altar Care

Gail Farinacci  
Julie Williams

#### Communion Assistants

Anne Blizzard  
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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*Thank you for wearing your name tags. If you are in need of one, please contact the church office.*

### FACILITIES INFORMATION

- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway to your right as you face the exit of the worship space.
- **Childcare is available** (during 9:15 and 10:45 services) at the end of the hallway to your right as you face the exit of the worship space.
- **Wireless Sound Enhancement Units** are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Large Print Bulletins** are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Offices** are located in the Administration Building.
- **Please Observe AZ State Law:** Please refrain from smoking within 20 feet of public entrances.

### WORSHIP SERVICES

#### Saturday Worship

**5 PM** – Traditional service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.  
First Saturday – Healing Service. Fourth Saturday – Holden Evening Prayer.

#### Sunday Worship

**7:45 AM** – Traditional liturgical service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.

**9:00 AM** – Traditional service at our SaddleBrooke location.

**9:15 AM** – Traditional service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.

**10:45 AM** – Children's Sunday School located in the Child Development Center and Confirmation and High School Sunday School meet in the Outreach Building. Classes are available for ages 3 through 12th grade.

**10:45 AM** – Contemporary service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.

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