

Third Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 23, 2025

7:45 AM

I AM...



...the Door



Resurrection Lutheran Church

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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

Elegy
Agnus Dei

Pam Batten, organ
Frederic Chopin
G. Bizet

GATHERING

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Jesus said, "I AM the Door. Whoever enters by me will be saved."

C: We are standing at the door, O loving Jesus, not sure about the journey.

P: Jesus said, "I AM the Door. I came that you may have life and have it abundantly."

C: Help us to approach the door with confidence, trusting in the Shepherd who seeks us, guides us, and cares for us.

P: Jesus said, "I AM the Door for the sheep. Whoever enters by me will come in and go out and find pasture."

C: We enter through the door, knowing that you will walk beside us, assured that you are always leading us to safety.

*OPENING HYMN: *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bid - e; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, alt.
Music: LASSET UNS MIT JESU ZIEHEN, Georg G. Boltze, 18th cent.
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*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.



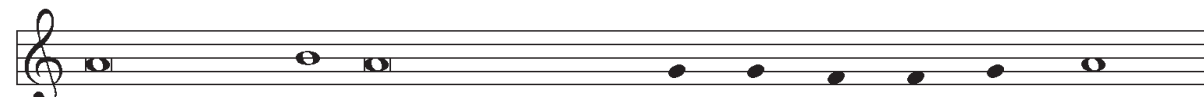
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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. Almighty God,

C: thank you for your Son, who is the gate to eternal life and abundant living. Help us to recognize your voice and to follow your guidance, knowing that you are always leading us to safety and pasture, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, 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 42:1-5

NRSVue

L: ¹As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

C: ²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

L: ³My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

C: ⁴These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

L: ⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

C: Hope in God, for I shall again praise him.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Romans 14:13-23

NRSVue

¹³Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother or sister. ¹⁴I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who considers it unclean. ¹⁵If your brother or sister is distressed by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died. ¹⁶So do not let your good be slandered. ¹⁷For the kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸The one who serves Christ in this way is acceptable to God and has human approval. ¹⁹Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual

upbuilding. ²⁰Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong to make someone stumble by what you eat; ²¹it is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that makes your brother or sister stumble. ²²Hold the conviction that you have as your own before God. Blessed are those who do not condemn themselves because of what they approve. ²³But those who have doubts are condemned if they eat because they do not act from faith, for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

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 10:1-10

¹ "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

SERMON: "I AM... the Door"

NRSVue

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the door for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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

Pastor Erin Morris



***HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for
 you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,
Refrain
 watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me.
 You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,
 Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

***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

Behold the Lamb of God

Chancel Choir; Pam Batten, piano

by John A. Behnke

*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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 Journey of Lent*

COMMUNION HYMNS: *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God*

O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
have mer - cy up - on us! O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak -
est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us!
O Christ, thou Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace! A - men

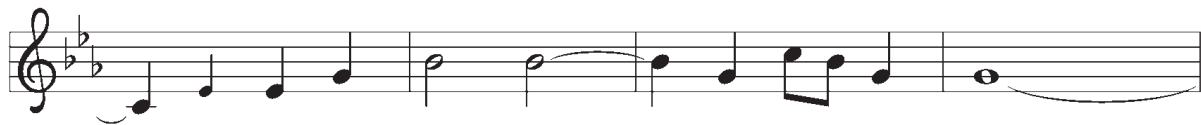
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Music: CHRISTE, DU LAMM GOTTES, *Kirchenordnung*, Braunschweig, 1528



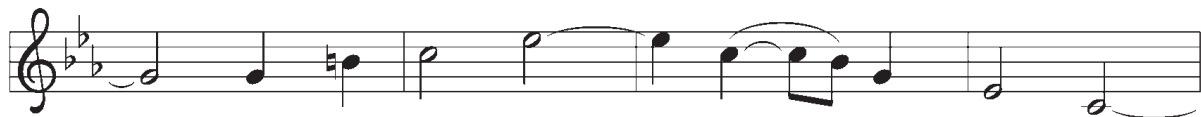
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual



Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
 2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
 3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
 for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
 I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
 Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
 then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
 for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
 So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Text: Julie von Hausmann, 1825–1901; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE, Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860
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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 giver of love, ✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you on this Lenten journey.

C: Amen.



*CLOSING HYMN: To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done;
2 Oh, per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood,
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
to ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of God;
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;
who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
the vil - est of - fend - er by grace may be - lieve,
but pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be
and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceive.
our won - der, our vic - t'ry, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice!
Oh, come to the Fa - ther, through Je - sus the Son,
and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done.

*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. Follow the voice of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Lenten Prayer from Salve Regina

Pam Batten, organ
Giovanni Pergolesi

Financial Information Update:

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

Attendance for last week:

Oro Valley: 576
SaddleBrooke: 145
Online: 432

God's grace and your faithful financial partnership have enabled us to continue the mission to which God has called us!

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**Altar flowers are given by
Edith Bergh in memory of Maury Bergh
and by Rosemary Oldenburg in memory of Richard's Birthday.**

ASSISTING US

7:45 AM Service:

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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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