

# Lent 2

*Unbroken*  
*A living faith*

March 16, 2025

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### “God Becomes Human for Us in Jesus Christ”

Sunday, March 16, 2025

(\* indicates the assembly stands)

#### Gathering

Prelude	<i>“Largo in A minor”</i>	J.S. Bach
Words of Welcome & Service Announcements		
Confession and Forgiveness (see page 4)		
*Hymn 597	<i>“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”</i>	
*Kyrie		p. 213
*Greeting		
*Prayer of the Day		
Anthem	<i>“Spirit of Comfort”</i>	Angerman & Nolan

#### Word

First Reading		Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27 (see page 6)		(sung responsively by whole verse)
Second Reading		Philippians 3:17–4:1
*Lenten Gospel Acclamation	<i>“Return to the Lord...”</i>	p. 216
*Gospel Reading		Luke 13:31-35
*Hymn of the Day 566		<i>“When Twilight Comes”</i>
*Apostles’ Creed		p. 217
*Prayers of Intercession		<b>A: receive our prayer.</b>
*Peace		



## Confession and Forgiveness

L: God of all grace, be near in the midst of our brokenness, turning us from the things that keep us from right relationship with you, ourselves, and one another.

Compel us toward compassion as we confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and are strengthened to serve in your name.

**A: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**A: God of mercy,  
you delight in goodness and judge sin.**

**Give us open and honest hearts  
to recognize the ways we have turned from you,  
from our own belovedness, and from one another.**

**We see the world through the lens of scarcity  
instead of your lens of abundance.**

**We see people as us and them  
instead of one body in you.**

**We participate in the brokenness of the world,  
caught in webs beyond individual choices of right and wrong.**

**Quiet our inner and outer strife, O God,  
and draw us into your forgiveness and wholeness.**

**Through your divine love,  
transform all that threatens to destroy  
the good that you have created.**

L: Beloved people of God:  
At a table that Jesus sets,

God forgives us and feeds us with love eternal.  
In water and promise,  
God brings us to new life  
and breathes into us gifts to serve the world.  
You are forgiven, in the name of Christ (+),  
who calls us into the coming of God's reign  
where all are supported, nourished, and loved.  
**A: Amen.**

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### **Leading Worship Today**

**Minister:** Rev. Dr. Allen Jorgenson

**Diaconal Minister of Music:** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Lector:** Bob Loeb sack

**Choral Scholars:** Nicole Hamilton, Hannah Swiderski, Sarah Hu-A-Kam, Dylan Siebert,  
Drew Aarssen

**Broadcast:** Andrew Weber

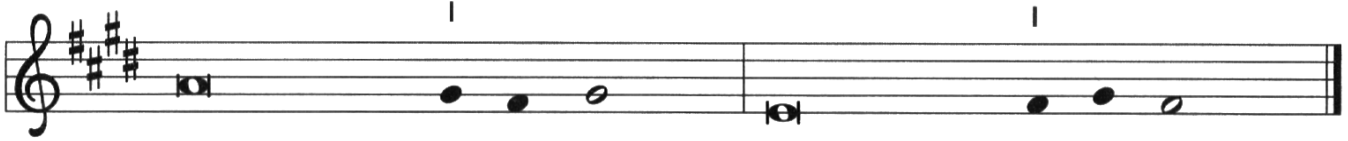
**Building Monitor:** Ron Roeder (519-895-6833)

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**Church Fire Plan** For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety. The AED and a first aid kit are in the hallway by the office.

Psalm 27

Tone 5



<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then I shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.  
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

<sup>4</sup>One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the  
beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up on a rock.

<sup>6</sup>Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.  
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing  
and make music to the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup>My heart speaks your message—“Seek my face.”  
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

<sup>10</sup>Though my father and my mother forsake me,

the LORD will<sup>1</sup> take me in.

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your<sup>1</sup> way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because of<sup>1</sup> my oppressors.

<sup>12</sup>Subject me not to the will<sup>1</sup> of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false witnesses<sup>1</sup> breathing violence.

<sup>13</sup>This I believe—that I will see the goodness<sup>1</sup> of the LORD  
in the land<sup>1</sup> of the living!

<sup>14</sup>Wait for the LORD<sup>1</sup> and be strong.  
Take heart and wait<sup>1</sup> for the LORD!

# Revive Lent

EQUIPPING LAY LEADERS TO BE SPIRITUAL LEADERS

**TUESDAYS 1.30 PM - 3:00 PM**

MARCH 4: DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL STORY

MAR 18: TELLING YOUR SPIRITUAL STORY

MAR 25: WHAT IS PRAYER AND HOW DO WE PRAY?

APRIL 1: MAKING SPACE, AND PRAYING THE LECTIO  
AND VISIO DIVINA

APRIL 8: PRAYING THROUGH THE HURT

APRIL 16: DEATH AND DYING, AND PRAYING WITH  
JESUS IN THE GARDEN

## Worship Notes

In our prayers Kevin, Betty, George, Anneke, Judy, Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Maureen and John.

### Important Information for today's worship

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Please join us for Fellowship Time** after worship in the Community Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **Downstairs Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of the Sanctuary) on the same level. Turn right at the hallway.

### General Announcements

**Pastors Carey and Sebastian are taking a holiday week** with their family for March Break. They will be gone from March 10-16. During this time, Pastor Heike Toeller from St. Luke's is on-call for pastoral emergencies. On March 16, Rev'd Dr. Allen Jorgenson will lead worship.

**Spiritual Discernment on the Election of a New National Bishop** - At the 2025 ELCIC National Convention, delegates will elect a new National Bishop. The ELCIC's National Church Council invites members into a discernment process leading up to the election. Further information about the discernment process is available on the ELCIC website. As of January 2025, a form is now available for individuals to complete when they are ready to formally identify someone they feel has the skills and gifts for the call to serve as national bishop. Supporting materials and the form are available on the 2025 ELCIC



National Convention section of the ELCIC website. If you have questions about the process, please submit them via email to [discernment@elcic.ca](mailto:discernment@elcic.ca).

**Church Breakfast Group:** We meet next on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Kypreos Restaurant, 305 Lancaster St. W. Kitchener. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their own meals. Everyone is welcome. Our speaker for March will be Tonya Verburg, CEO of Ray of Hope. Ray of Hope serves people experiencing poverty, homelessness and other challenges in Kitchener-Waterloo. They provide a great variety of life changing programmes and services in a welcoming compassionate community. The Ray of Hope Centre in downtown Kitchener welcomes up to 300 people daily. They empower people to chart a new path in life. St. Peter's joined with St. Andrew's in the February Coldest Night of the Year fundraising walk in support of Ray of Hope. Father Toby has now been rescheduled to speak to us on Tuesday, April 15. He will share information about Tiny Homes Takeout, St. Mary's innovative and growing program that provides high quality meals (menu changes daily with a choice of calzones and a side dish) based on 'Grab a Bite. Give if You Can.'

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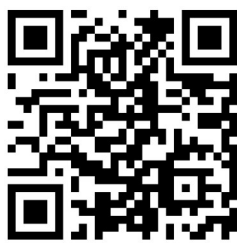
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# Lenten Oasis

12:00 Organ Recital  
12:30 Soup Lunch  
Admission: Pay-what-you-can

March 12:  
David Hall

St. Paul's Lutheran, Cambridge

March 19:  
Bradley Moggach

St. Peter's Lutheran, Cambridge

March 26:  
Angus Sinclair

St. John the Evangelist Anglican, Kitchener

April 2:  
Kathleen King Martin  
First United, Waterloo

April 9:  
Mark Himmelman  
Church of the Holy Saviour, Waterloo

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TAKE A *breath*



# 2025 MID-WEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

2 UNITED CHURCHES & 2 LUTHERAN CHURCHES + 1 ANGLICAN PRIEST

## First United Waterloo



Worship 7:00 pm

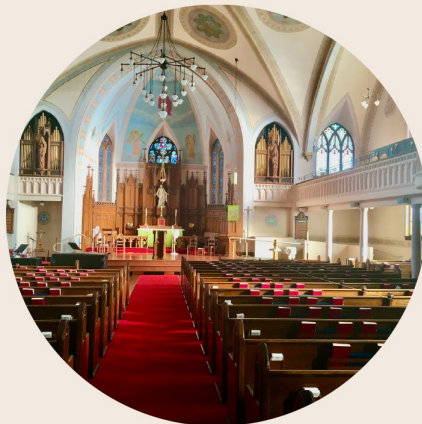
TUES  
MARCH  
**25**

Presider: Rev. Hoeun Lee

Preacher: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

FIRST UNITED CHURCH, 16 WILLIAM ST W, WATERLOO

## St. Matthews Lutheran



Soup Supper 5:00 pm

Worship 7:00 pm

Holden Evening Prayer

WED  
APRIL  
**2**

Presiders: Rev. Brenda Torrie

Rev. Carey. Meadows-Helmer

Preacher: Rev. Mario Hryniewicz

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