Lutheran Church of the Master

March 23, 2025 11:00 a.m.

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Announcements

(Bi-weekly) Midweek Communion 10:30 am Mar. 26, Apr. 9 (Monthly) Church Council Meetings Next regular meeting Wed. Apr. 9 (Monthly) Ladies Breakfast Sat. Apr. 12, 10 am at 525 Restaurant & Patio (Weekly) Airdrie House of Prayer Wednesdays 12-1 pm St. Francis Anglican (Weekly) Confirmation Class Wednesdays 4:30 on Zoom (Weekly) Quilting Group Thursdays 9:30 am - noon

- 1. Lenten Services and Events
 - **Thursdays** (Mar. 13 Apr. 10) Soup suppers and faith talks 5:30 pm. Choir will meet at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome as we break bread together during Lent!
 - Wednesdays (Mar. 12 Apr. 16) 8:30 am morning scripture reading and discussion.
 Join Stewardship and Pastor by <u>zoom</u> for scripture study, discussion and prayer.
 Sessions will be around 40 minutes. Use the church <u>zoom link</u> on the <u>LCM website</u>.
 A great way to start your Wednesday!
 - April 13 Palm Sunday Service 11 am
 - April 17 Maundy Thursday Service 7 pm
 - April 18 Good Friday Service 11am
 - April 20 Easter Sunday Easter brunch at 9:30 am, Easter Service at 11 am
- 2. **Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday**. If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily to take home after service, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. \$21.00 each.
- 3. **CLAY 2025** Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering. The Calgary Area congregations are forming a group or two to go to CLAY in Saskatoon. Pre-trip Aug 18-20 (\$470) Main Event Aug 21-24 (\$350). See Pastor Tim for more information.
- 4. **10**th **Annual Kuriakos Gathers Together (KGT)** Sat. Apr. 26 at the Lacombe Memorial Centre. KGT is Camp Kuriakos' annual dinner, dance and silent auction fundraising event to support their programs and retreats. Tickets \$80/ adult or early bird price (before Mar. 31) of \$65. Further information and to purchase tickets can be found on their website. Any questions, contact Greg/Velma Wray or Debbie Kemp.

Third Sunday of Lent

Greeting
Song of Confession Return and RenewalLOB 3
Song of Mercy I Desire MercyLOB 6
Prayer of the Day
Children's Message
Hymn: Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us #784
First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-9 Second Reading: I Corinthians 10:1-13
Gospel Acclamationp.179
Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9
Sermon
Hymn of the Day: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus#802
Apostles Creedp.127
Prayers Peace Offering
Youth Choir
The Great Thanksgivingp.180
Holy, Holyp.181
Lord's Prayerp.182
Distribution of Communion
Lamb of Godp.182
Hymns during Communion
Taste and See#493
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Table Blessing
Benediction
Announcements
Sending Hymn: Amazing Grace#779
Dismissal

First Reading

Isaiah 55: 1-9

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

- ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
- ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Second Reading

I Corinthians 10:1-13

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

- ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.
- ⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play."
- ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.
- ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents.
- ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.
- 11 These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.
- ¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone.

God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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Parable of the fig tree



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Gospel Luke 13:1-9

- ¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.² [Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?
- ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."
- ⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none.

Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸ He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"