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**Lakeshore Presbyterian Church**  
**March 22, 2026**  
**Rev Roxie Davis, presiding**

**WELCOME**

**LENTEN CANDLE SERVICE** Readers **Phil & Marsha Larson**

**Reader 1:**

In this season of Lent, we reflect on our journey of faith with Christ, remembering that death no longer has a hold on us. Through Christ we are freed from the cold stone of the tomb and know the warm embrace of the light of life.

**Reader 2:**

We extinguish this purple candle on this fifth Sunday of Lent, remembering God's redeeming grace, and that new life comes out of death. We remember the former covenant written on stone, and the new covenant, written on our hearts, that we are God's children, and God's promise is life forevermore.

Together we pray:

**As the days lengthen, dear God, may we remember that spring comes only after a long winter, that new life, eternal life, comes only after passing through death. In the name of Christ, with whom we journey towards the cross, we pray. Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** We have come to worship God this morning. We have not come to worship ourselves or someone else.

**P:** **The Lord God says: "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up."**

**L:** We humbly come before the Lord to worship God in spirit and in truth.

**P:** **We remember what the Lord commands in the**

**Book of Micah: “Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.”**

L: Let us worship our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you!**

Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

*Please stand if you are able*

**HYMN “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” #466**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord, so often we try to draw attention to ourselves. We think, “See what I did. Honor me because I am the one who has done something special. I want the attention rather than someone else or even You, Lord.” We don’t like the word “haughty” but sometimes it describes who we are. Help us Lord, as individuals and as a church to humbly recognize You as the One to be honored. Forgive our attitudes of self-praise. Keep us humble, Lord. Amen.

### **PERSONAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

L: In the great scheme of things, You, O Lord, deserve all the praise.

**P: You have loved us when we have been unlovable.**

L. You have forgiven us when we have sinned.

**P. It is because of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus that we know You have forgiven all our sins. Thanks be to God.**

## **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**      *“The Lord is My Shepherd”*

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **SCRIPTURES** 1 Samuel: 1-13

<sup>1</sup>There was a certain man of Ramathaim, a Zuphite from the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah son of Jeroham son of Elihu son of Tohu son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. <sup>2</sup>He had two wives; the name of one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

<sup>3</sup>Now this man used to go up year by year from his town to worship and to sacrifice to the Lord of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the Lord. <sup>4</sup>On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; <sup>5</sup>but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup>Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. <sup>7</sup>So it went on year after year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. <sup>8</sup>Her husband Elkanah said to her, ‘Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?’

<sup>9</sup>After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. <sup>10</sup>She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup>She made this vow: ‘O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your

servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head.'

<sup>12</sup> As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup> Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk.

### **John 9:1-12**

<sup>1</sup> As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' <sup>6</sup> When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, <sup>7</sup> saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. <sup>8</sup> The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' <sup>9</sup> Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' <sup>10</sup> But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' <sup>11</sup> He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' <sup>12</sup> They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

### **SERMON "Pattern of Humility"**

*Please stand if you are able*

**HYMN "Just As I Am" #370**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us say what we believe:

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.**

**He descended into hell; On the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer, O LORD"**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord  
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Incline Thine ear to us  
And grant us Thy peace**

### **THE OFFERING**

#### **DOXOLOGY #592**

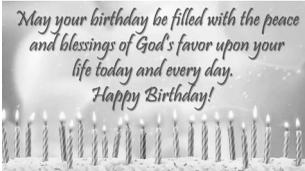
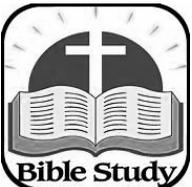
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him all creatures here below  
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**HYMN "Take My Life" #391**

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**FELLOWSHIP**

<p>Sue Dykstra          Roger Sheldon          Debi Singer</p> 	 <p>Pat Stay Janet Saxon</p>		
 <p><b>Sunday Mornings          9 – 9:45</b></p>	 <p><b>Thursdays          10:30 am</b></p>		
<p><b>Offering Counters</b>  <b>TODAY</b> Pat Moses, Barb Wismer</p>	<p><b>Lenten Readers</b>  <b>Next Week 3/29</b> Kathy Pennanen          Mary-Beth Sheldon</p>		
 <p>Called to do our part to advocate for justice</p> <p>Share your gift on  <b>March 29 &amp; April 5</b></p>			
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