

## **Lenten Midday Prayer – March 12, 2025 (First Wednesday of Lent)**

### **Welcome + Invocation**

#### **St. Luke's Preschool Singers**

#### **Opening Prayer – Screen**

L: O God of Peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Litany of Healing – Screen**

L: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers:

*(Please take a moment of silent reflection.)*

L: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation.

**C: Have mercy on us.**

L: God the Son, who came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly.

**C: Have mercy on us.**

L: God the Spirit, whose temple our bodies are.

**C: Have mercy on us.**

L: Holy Trinity, in whom we live, and move, and have our being.

**C: Have mercy on us. Amen.**

#### **Gospel Reading: Luke 10:38-11:4 – Screen**

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.' He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord,

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

#### **Prayers – Screen**

L: We pray that you will hear us, O Lord; and will grant your grace to all.

**C: Hear us, and make us whole.**

L: That you will be with the leaders of the nations, that their decisions will sustain the lives of the most vulnerable among us.

**C: Hear us, and make us whole.**

L: That you will sustain those who face long or terminal illness, bearing them up as on eagle's wings.

**C: Hear us, and make us whole.**

L: That you will abide with all who are lonely or despondent, having no one to comfort them.

**C: Hear us, and make us whole.**

L: That you will restore all who are in mental darkness to soundness of mind and cheerfulness of heart.

**C: Hear us, and make us whole.**

L: That you will grant us life eternal so we may live in your hope that doesn't disappoint.

**C: Hear us, and make us whole.**

L: That you will give your wisdom in ample measure to doctors, nurses, and medical workers of all kind, so that with knowledge, skill, patience, they may minister to the sick.

**C: Hear us, and make us whole.**

L: That you will give us grateful hearts for your healing power already at work all around us.

**C: Hear us, and make us whole.**

#### **Lord's Prayer – Screen**

L: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Savior taught us.

**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.**

#### **Closing Prayer – Screen**

L: Jesus Lamb of God, bearer of our sins, redeemer of the world.

**C: Have mercy on us and give us your peace. Amen.**

#### **Benediction - Screen**

L: May the Lord fill us with the light and truth and love of the Spirit, overflowing that we share it with others in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**