

Pastor: R. Garret Szantner ♦ **Director of Church Music:** Jean La Crosse

Lynnwood Teams – If you haven't already, please send to the office your reports to consistory.

The March **Life of Lynnwood** newsletter is available on our website under the *Connecting* tab.

Easter Lilies – Lily order envelopes are in the narthex. Please return the envelope to the church office by Palm Sunday, April 2. Let us know on the envelope if you would like it placed in memory or honor of someone. The cost is \$12 (cash or checks made out to LRC). Please plan on picking up your lily after the Easter service.

Where is my...? Please check the Lost & Found and the exchange shelves in the coatroom for any items you have forgotten.

Guilderland Food Pantry needs for Easter: scalloped potatoes (box), Jiffy muffin mix (box), Gravy (cans), canned Fruit (any).

Save the NEW date! Saturday, MAY 6 – the return of the Lynnwood Talent Show! Sign up in the narthex. See Mark Watson for questions.

Wrapped in Love - During Lent the Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to honor all those who have contributed shawls to bless others. Some of these shawls will be displayed in the pews during worship services. Please touch them and say a prayer for the person who will receive them. If you are going through a challenging time or know someone who is, please take a shawl of your choice with the prayer and card accompanying it after the service.

Later Today	Coffee Fellowship Care team 11:15 Street Soldiers meal prep 11:30 Suburban Sounds 4:00 Youth Fellowship Game Night
Mon 13	We Make the Road By Walking 10:00
Tue 14	Prayer Shawl 12-3pm <Girl Scouts 5048> 6:00
Wed 15	Stretching with Friends 6:00 Choir 7:30
Thu 16	REPORTS TO CONSISTORY DUE In His Presence 9:30 Band 6:00

At Lynnwood Reformed Church, we affirm the great diversity of God's creation in our communities. This diversity includes persons from various economic, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds, gender expressions and sexual identities, and gifted with a variety of abilities. We also believe that God's unconditional love, as demonstrated through Jesus Christ, is intended for all. As such, all people are welcome to participate fully in the life of the church.

LYNNWOOD REFORMED CHURCH

MARCH 12, 2023



Michelangelo Buonarroti, *Pietà*, 1499, St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City. Detail.

MARY: MOTHER OF THE CRUCIFIED LORD JOHN 19:17–30

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Welcome

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Amanda Wilber

God flings open the gates to welcome us in!

God prepares our hearts to worship him!

God sends the Holy Spirit to renew us!

Transform our hearts so that we might be overflowing

with compassion, kindness, humility, and righteousness!

Let us worship God!

*Song of Gathering

“Every Promise”

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives—that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.

We love with condition.

We judge and condemn.

We cast the first stone, and keep the logs in our own eyes.

We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray.

Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

*Song of Praise

“Ashes to Ashes”

A Prayer with the Children, dismissal to Explorations

RECEIVING GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings

John 19:17–30

Susan VanDerWende

Sermon

“Mary: Mother of the Crucified Lord”

R. Garret Szantner

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*Song of Response

“Wondrous Love”

Ministry Updates

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

Nancy LaPietro

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Suzanne Wilber

GOING OUT WITH GOD’S BLESSING

*Song of Sending

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

*Benediction

Postlude

**indicates standing for those able. Bold type indicates congregational response*