

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

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✠PREPARATION✠

AS WE GATHER

We focus our attention on Christ crucified. The apostle Paul tells us that this is a stumbling block and foolishness to some people. Yet Paul also reminds us that for us who are being saved, Christ crucified is the power and wisdom of God. We may face people in our lives who view us as foolish. God in His wisdom sent Jesus to die for you.

The peace of the Lord is exchanged according to local custom.

OPENING HYMN LSB 456 "Were You There"

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?.

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear Gods Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Chirst, and saying: God, be merciful to me a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority,

I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

☩WORD☩

INTROIT (see insert – spoken full verse by full verse – Pastor begins)

KYRIE (sung) **Lord, have mercy.**
 Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (omitted during Lent)

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING Exodus 20:1-17

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
 the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA (omitted during Lent)

VERSE

The Lord is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 15:20-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the fifteenth chapter,

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 425 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

SERMON Simon of Cyrene, Were You There?

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: On our hearts imprint Your image,

C: **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, lead Your church on earth to be a house of prayer for all the nations. Disrupt our petty preferences and cultural bias so that we might welcome people from every nation, language, and background. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C: **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, as You delivered the people out of slavery in Egypt and taught them how to live as Your people, so teach us to live according to Your righteous instructions so that we may live peacefully with You and our neighbors. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C: **blessed Jesus, King of grace.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You are well acquainted with grief and death. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially . . .*]. Point them to the hope that in Your Father’s house are many rooms and that

You have gone to prepare a place for us. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C: blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, intercede for all those struggling with relationship issues, whether in friendships, family dynamics, marital struggles, or relationships within the church. We pray that You would bring repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation in the midst of such struggle. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C: blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, send Your strength to all missionaries, [*especially . . .*]. Embolden them to preach the power of Your cross. Encourage them in their service by the same message they proclaim that You have died and are risen for us and our salvation. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C: blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your good and gracious will. On our hearts imprint Your image,

C: blessed Jesus, King of grace.

P: Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OFFERING plate will be passed. Please sign the Record of Fellowship folder at this time.

✠SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and arch-angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**C: (sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav`n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest , sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving

tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has 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,
(sung) **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.**
Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI –Lamb of God

(sung) **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray**

Distribution

LSB 571 “God Loved the World So That He Gave”

NUNC DIMITTIS

(sung) **O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav’n ly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forevr Three in One;
Far as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray:

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION and BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN LSB 851 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

SILENT PRAYER

+THIS WORSHIP IS ENDED.

LET THE SERVICE BEGIN+

“...whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17

Dates to Remember

March 6 – Lenton Service 7pm, supper before at 6pm

March 10 – Daylight Saving Time begins

March 13 – Lenton service 7pm, supper before at 6pm

BIBLE STUDY & CHURCH SERVICE

Bible Study will meet at 9:15 am in the fellowship hall,

Church Service at 10:30 am. Both being lead by Pastor Bernthal.

WELCOME

We wish to welcome Pastor Bernthal as our temporary shepherd. May we grow in our understanding of the word through his Bible Study and the message he gives on Sunday Morning.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jerry Hinds – medical problems

Rick Burd – cancer treatments

Edith Smith – sister of Chuck Smith - dementia

Deb Sparks – tumors on thyroid

Birthdays

Brayden Vanderloop – March 2

James Nantz – March 9

Susan Smelker – March 11

Sharon Tow – March 19

Dalton McDonald – March 4

Rebecca James – March 11

Becky Priami – March 14

Roger Smelker – March 29

Anniversary

James & Karen Nantz – March 20