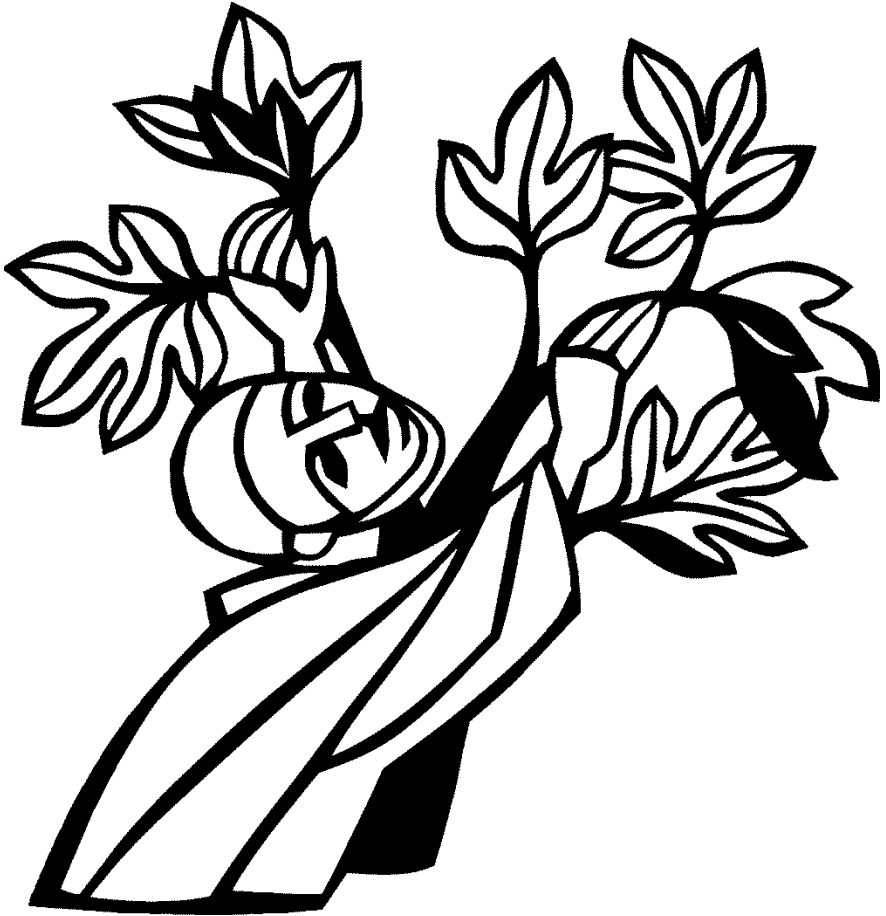


Third Sunday in Lent



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March 24, 2019

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TO OUR QUESTS: WELCOME!

May the God who led you here today refresh you with his grace and peace in Christ Jesus as you spend this hour with us. We're glad you're here.

Some helpful things to know



- ***Let us know that you were here.*** You'll find a visitor's card in the pew rack that you can fill out and either hand to an usher or drop in the offering plate.
- ***Restless children?*** Nursery care is available during the late Sunday morning services. We also have a room where parents can tend to little ones while watching and listening to the service. Ask an usher for directions.
- ***Large print bulletins and personal audio receivers*** are available at Sunday services for any who may find them helpful. Don't hesitate to ask an usher.
- ***May you commune at Messiah?*** Yes, if you're a baptized communicant elsewhere and are able to respond with joyful confidence when Christ invites you to meet him in the sacrament here. As he says of the bread, "This is my body," and of the cup, "This is my blood"; and of both he says, "given and shed for you."
- ***Our communion procedures:*** the sacrament is distributed at the head of the aisle. Come forward as the usher directs. For receiving the wine, two cups are available, one to drink from and a second to dip the host in. Follow your preference. If you choose not to commune but would like even so to receive a blessing, approach the pastor or assisting minister with your arms crossed. For a gluten-free host, quietly ask the pastor.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 24, 8:30 & 11 AM

*The congregation is invited to participate at the places marked with **bold** type*

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S GIFTS...

Music and Quiet

"Savior, When in Dust to Thee," Wilbur Held

Asking God's Forgiveness (8:30 only)

Stand

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

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for self-examination.

Most merciful God

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the

entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying”

1 Wa - ter, blood, and Spir - it cry - ing, By their wit - ness
2 In a wa - t'ry grave are bur - ied All our sins that
3 Dark the way, yet Christ pre - cedes us, Past the scowl of
4 Though a - round us death is seeth - ing, God, His two - edged
5 Spir - it, wa - ter, blood en - treat - ing, Work - ing faith and

tes - ti - fy - ing To the One whose death - de - fy - ing
Je - sus car - ried; Christ, the Ark of Life, has fer - ried
death He leads us; Spreads a ta - ble where He feeds us
sword un - sheath - ing, By His Spir - it life is breath - ing
its com - plet - ing In the One whose death - de - feat - ing

Life has come, with life for all.
Us a - cross death's rag - ing flood.
With His bod - y and His blood.
Through the liv - ing, ac - tive Word.
Life has come, with life for all.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Baptism (11:00 only)

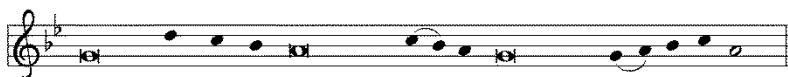
Kyrie (8:30 only)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



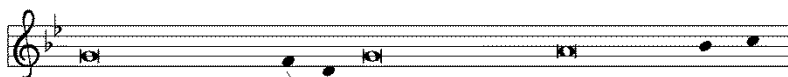
Lord, have mer - cy.



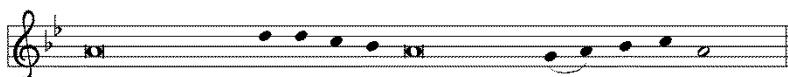
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



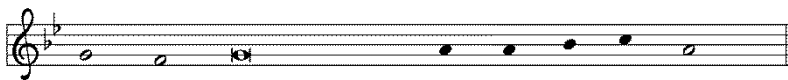
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



GOD'S WORD

Today's Prayer

Let us pray. Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

From the Old Testament

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. ²Why 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. ³Incline 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. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, 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.

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let 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. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

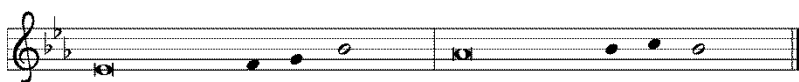
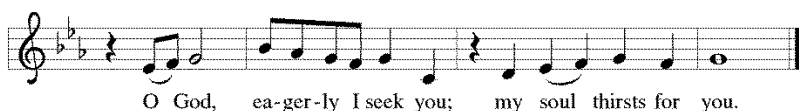
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From the Book of Psalms

63:1-8

Cantor/ Choir sings refrain; All sing refrain



Cantor/Choir sings verses in regular print; All sing verses in bold print

¹O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary
land where there | is no water.

²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,**
that I might behold your power | and your glory.

³For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.

⁴**So will I bless you as long | as I live**
and lift up my hands | in your name. Refrain

⁵My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

⁶**when I remember you up- | on my bed,**
and meditate on you in | the night watches.

⁷For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

⁸**My whole being | clings to you;**
your right hand | holds me fast. Refrain

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do 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." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These 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. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

From one of the four Gospels

Luke 13:1-9

Gospel Acclamation

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image," **#811**

On my heart imprint your image,
Blessed Jesus, king of grace,
That life's troubles nor its pleasures
Ever may your work erase.
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
All my glory and salvation!

The Holy Gospel is recorded in the 13th chapter of St. Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹At 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?”³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or 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? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then 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. ⁷So 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?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

God's Word for Today

Pastor Bridger

Stand

Hymn for Today

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer,” #618

Confessing our Faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Offering our Prayers

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy. . .

. . . Hear our prayer.

Sharing Christ's peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Greet those around you with these or similar words

Sit

Gathering Our Gifts

"The Trees of the Field,"

arr. Lloyd Larson

Stand

The Gifts Are Presented

"Create in Me a Clean Heart," #186

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Let us pray. Receive, O God,

**our bodies and souls and all our talents, together with these offerings
we bring before you. For you have bought us to be your own, that we
may live for you. Amen.**

CHRIST, OUR FOOD AND DRINK

Preparing our hearts

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

Detailed description: This block contains four staves of musical notation in G major. The melody continues from the previous section. The lyrics are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The final staff ends with a double bar line.



Prayer of Consecration

Holy, mighty and merciful Lord. . . now and forever. **Amen.**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sit.

To learn how we distribute communion, see the inside front cover.

Communion Hymns



"O Living Bread from Heaven"

#542

"Restore in Us, O God"

#328

Stand

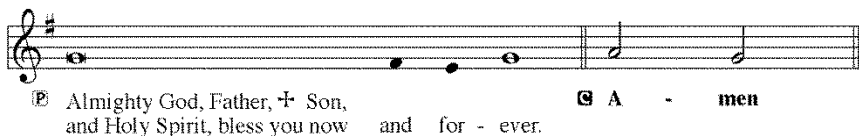
Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

Amen.

ON OUR WAY

A Final Word and Promise



A Hymn

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

#779

A Mission

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music as we leave

"O Living Bread from Heaven," Sandra Eithun

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SERVING TODAY

Preaching Minister – Pr. Bridger

Presiding Minister – Pr. Burce

Assisting Ministers – Nancy Richter (8:30); Mike Thiel (11:00)

Lectors – Gabrielle Bayness (8:30); Cathy Zalac, (11:00)

Communion Assistants – Ron Coulter, Carl Herhuth, Lee Vysoky (8:30);
Mike Allan, Eileen Spicer, Bob Zalac (11:00)

Acolytes – Gavin Jennings, Kevin McLeeson (8:30);
Evan Thiel, Luke Thiel (11:00)

Cantor – Brad Paton (8:30)

Messiah Choir (11:00) – Directed by Connie Triplett

Brass Ensemble – Directed by Adonai Henderson

Organist – Connie Triplett

Deacons – Raffee Johns, Steve Turnbull (8:30);
Terrie Leske, Bob Trapp (11:00)

Greeters — Scott & Jill Straffen (8:30);
Pat & Kathy Gallagher (11:00)

Ushers – Adam Castro, Ed Kus, Brad Paton (8:30);
Dominic Bloor, Jim Breckel, Aubrey Thiel (11:00)

Nursery – Nadia Kauntz, Tanya Kauntz (11:00)

Trustee – Mike Green (11:00)

Altar Guild – Laura Schwartz-Gaydos, Marilyn Edwards

IN OUR PRAYERS

- ❖ For those suffering in Mozambique, Syria, Venezuela, and the Midwest areas of the United States experiencing flooding
- ❖ For expectant parents and the newly born, like Everett Alan Royster, born this week to Louis and Carrie (Neumann) Royster
- ❖ For the newly baptized including two Children of God baptized this weekend: Marin Siena Andrukat and Liam Kristoffer Reust
- ❖ People striving to grow in faith and love this Lent
- ❖ Health matters: Carla Bennett, Priscilla Hinsch, Jim Huetter, Doug Mickan, Larry Moody (father of Carolyn Watkins), Arline Pillivant, Helen (friend of Martha Ressler), Pam Sugrue

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN

In memory of Regina Berlo by her daughter Chris Wirtz

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

March 24—OSCAR ROMERO, d. 1980, the Roman Catholic bishop of El Salvador assassinated for his vigorous stands against injustice and repression.

Mar 29—HANS NIELSEN HAUGE d. 1824, a layperson who led a renewal movement in the Lutheran Church of Norway. His movement was strongly represented in the Norwegian immigration to America of the 19th century, and his influence is felt to this day in the ELCA.

GOD'S WORD FOR NEXT WEEK

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

We encourage you to read the lessons as part of your preparation for divine services.

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Pastoral Assistant – Ruth Mortensen

Music Director – Connie Triplett

Messiah School Principal – Helen Casselberry

Administrator – Darlene Waugh

Pierstorf Memorial Fund Director – Martin Uhle

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To the glory of God, through the strength of the Spirit.