

+ Third Sunday in Lent +

March 20, Year of our Lord 2022 | DS3



+ Confession and Absolution +

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

Psalm 5:4–8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6



P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will I perish.

C For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;*
evil may not I dwell with you.

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;*
you hate all evil-doers.

You destroy those I who speak lies;*
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.*
I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;*
make your way straight before me.

Glory be to the Father and I to the Son*
and to the Holy I Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. I Amen.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will I perish.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

on us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

(Gloria in excelsis is omitted in Lent)

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

P Let us pray.

P 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.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7–20

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

"And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: 'Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

"And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

"Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

C 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.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as

some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Verse

2 Peter 3:9b, c

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

(*Alleluias before the Gospel are omitted in Lent*)

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1–9

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both staves have a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The music consists of a series of quarter notes and eighth notes. Below the notation, the lyrics "C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord." are printed in a bold, sans-serif font.

There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years



now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?' And he answered him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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: 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -

say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;

And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my

all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:

Wore as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow
By Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;

From the Law I stand acquitted.
Christ hath purchased my release
And my ev'ry sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave,
I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave:
Jesus sinners doth receive.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Erdmann Neumeister,
1671-1756
Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, 1699,
Darmstadt

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+ Sermon +

Offertory (hymnal p. 192 for music)

Psalm 51:10–12

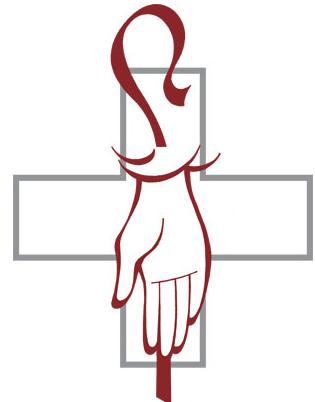
C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.

Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace

Prayers to God on Behalf of...

World: Praying for the end of teconflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia** (and preservation of life and land). Church: Season of Lent for 40 days.

Vocation: **Pastor Robert Portier** of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sevierville, TN has accepted a Divine Call to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Bossier City, LA (his last Sunday in Sevierville will be Easter Sunday, Apr 17); **Jonathan Schulz** (recently installed as Concordia Publishing House's President and CEO); **Casey Lawson** (going into Airforce)



Recently born: **Henry James Johnson** born to Luke & Blair Johnson on 2/28 (grandson to Jeff & Susan, great-grandson to Ole & Mavis Johnson). **Addilyn Christianson** (Gretchen's niece's newborn daughter); **Grace** and **Callie** (Smolter's extended family): newborns now home from hospital.

Alex and Shelby Hicks (Praising God for the news of a welcome pregnancy, but then soon after their rejoicing turned to sorrow—now mourning the loss in miscarriage; have named the child Jude).

Mourning: Family of **Chad Hess** (Carmella's cousin, nephew of George & Carole Vitzhum, son of Dianne Hess), Family of **Lelle** (Marleen Baerns's cousin), Family and friends of **Lane Garrett** (friend of John Pettyjohn). Family of **Hope Lurstema** (Rebecca Keyes's mother) who passed away this week; Family of **Tamra Kincaid DeHaven** (who passed 1/23). Family of **Jim Vesper** (Jim's father passed away 1/13-14). Family of LCMS **Pastor Don Schmidt** of Messiah Lutheran Church in Memphis who died from covid. Family of **Joyce** (Meghan Collver's grandmother): who passed away from covid pneumonia. Family of **Sherrie Wheat**: who passed away from covid pneumonia. Family of **Bruce Weirauch** (Vicky Gorman's uncle), especially Robin his wife. Family and friends of **Claudette Kinney** who passed on 11/23.

Health: **John Lowe** (friend of Jim Vesper) who suffered heart attack and was in critical condition this past week. **Sharon Yoder** recovering from sub-cranial brain bleed. **Theresa Lindsay** recovering from lung cancer surgery. **Tom Williams** recovering from heart bypass surgery. **Larry Wacker** (broken pelvis recovery, also for his lung condition); **Camebre Pearl** (Carol Ehren's granddaughter): recovering from surgery to correct a rare malformation. **Pastor Jasper** in Kenya (recovering after surgery); Aurora's son **Stevie** (possible cancer).

Kenna Chorney's parents: **Don & Gail Rieman** (health, lingering issues from covid). **Dick Mohr** (lung condition improvement). **Lisa Gift's sister** in Ohio (health). **Rayland Greene** (Jim Vespers's friend's grandson, 3.5 months old—still in the womb, mother's water broke way too early). **Cathy Wacker's parents: Charlene** (hospice), **Bill**, dementia, health. **Anna Roberts** (Jim & Maureen's daughter-in-law—married to Travis) cancer treatments. **Christy**, Kim Smolter's cousin, health and mourning. **Lee Schuck** (broken hip recovery). **Tim Smith** health. **Larry & Janeen Meier** (Maureen's sister and brother-in-law) health. **Carolyn Gaugert** (sister-in-law to Sharon Yoder) pancreatic cancer (recent MRI showed no tumors).

Birthday's: Andrew H 3/21, Rosalyn L 3/24, Desmond L 3/26, Dick M 3/26

Anniversaries: Rick & Lisa G 3/20, Fredrick & Faye H 3/26

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

Benediction for those worshipping via the livestream.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the Preface response. The top staff shows a soprano line with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a tempo of quarter note = 120. The lyrics "The Lord be with you." are written below the notes. The bottom staff shows a bass line with a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a tempo of quarter note = 120.

P Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation for the Preface response. The top staff shows a soprano line with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a tempo of quarter note = 120. The lyrics "Lift up your hearts." are written below the notes. The bottom staff shows a bass line with a bass clef, a key signature of one flat, and a tempo of quarter note = 120.

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

C It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (hymnal p. 195 for music)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

The Words of Our Lord *Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.*

P 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 \ddagger 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 \ddagger 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

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

C A men.

Agnus Dei (*hymnal p. 198 for music*)

John 1:29

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

Distribution Hymn: 823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace

Distribution Hymn: 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Hymn: 595 O Blessed Spring

Hymn: 861 Christ Be My Leader

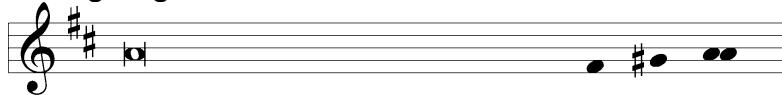
Nunc Dimitis (*hymnal p. 199 for music*)

Luke 2:29–32

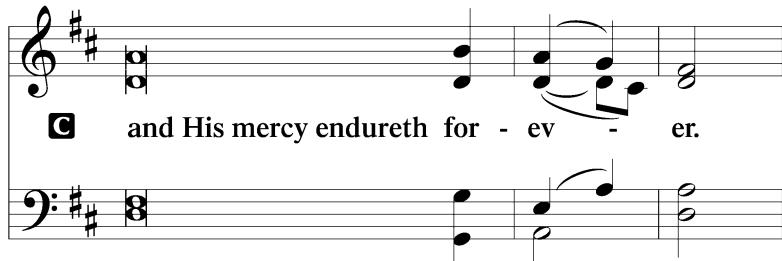
C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray. We give thanks to You, ... now and forever.

C A - men.

2 Timothy 4:22

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Musical notation for the Benediction hymn. It consists of two staves. The top staff is in G major (one sharp) and the bottom staff is in C major (no sharps or flats). Both staves have common time. The lyrics "A - men, a - men, a - men." are written below the notes. The music includes a basso continuo line with sustained notes and a soprano line with eighth-note patterns.

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Announcements

Today

Campfirmation Informational Meeting: Parents and guardians of kids grades 6-12, please stay after service TODAY (Mar 20) for a short informational meeting regarding this fun-filled week of catechesis, worship, and fun in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina July 10-16, 2022.

Planning Council meets TODAY after the 11:00 a.m. service

Sign-up to bring Soup and Sandwiches, etc. for Midweek Lent meals on Wednesdays starting Mar 9 and until Holy Week.

Young Adults (18ish to 25ish) Bible Study will meet TODAY, at 5:00 p.m. with dinner, hangout, and a study led by Levi. Location is Levi & Suzanne Nunnink's home: 1416 Lonas Dr. Maryville, TN 37803

This week

Midweek Lent Services on Wednesday at 12 noon and 7:00 p.m. Our theme for Lent 2022 is *Didache: The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles to the Nations*. The Didache may be viewed as informative of the faith held by very early Christians and may prompt us to recall, review, and deepen what we believe and confess from God's Word through the articles of faith the Didache addresses. However, the Didache it is not part of our confessional corpus and is not a replacement of the Small and Large Catechisms in use for centuries in the Lutheran church. Comparisons are due and references to the pure fount of Holy Scripture are necessary and will be highlighted in teachings of these Lenten services.

Choir this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study Thurs at 10:00 a.m. at Praise (pericope study led by Barbara Morsch)

Men's Lunch (weekly): Thurs. at 11:30 a.m. Location this week: *announced after church*

First Day of Spring is TODAY. **The Annunciation of our Lord** is on Fri, Mar 25 (9 months before Christmas).

Next week and beyond

Youth Catechesis will meet next Sun, Mar. 27, after church and will end at 1:30 p.m.

Cards Creation Tues, Mar 29 at 1:30 p.m.

Ladies Who Lunch Thurs, Apr 7 at 11:30 a.m. at *O Charley's*